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48th Tank Bn

14th Armd Div

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DATE: January 3, 1945

PLACE: Neuwiller, France.

TROOPS: No change.

ACTION; Operations for the day began at 0730. Outposts were checked. At 1000 Major from 45th division called at CP and claimed we were in his CP. The Bn CO contacted higher headquarters of the mixup and was advised they would contact our division. Major called Corp Hqs (45th div) to definitely determine his status in the case. During this discussion, orders were received that this Bn would move immediately to Reidheim and outpost the town and nearby vicinity occupying adjacent towns with our troops.

The Bn closed the CP at 1245 and proceeded to our new destination. We closed in at 1455 and all outposts set up in each town for all around security.

Company commanders were called for a brief meeting and briefing of the immediate front was given. During the discussion, Ln Off from higher headquarters at 1930 arrived with information that the division was regrouping in the vicinity of Phalsburg and that movement orders would no doubt follow. Two possible routes were contemplated on the move and both were included in the probable march order.

The Chaplain gave out scarfs and sweaters to the company commanders for their men through the courtesy of the Red Cross.

Immediately thereafter the staff held a brief meeting after which the Bn CO held a short discussion with NCO's of the Hqs personnel.

Three men arrived in the meantime; two from the hospital and one a reinforcement and were properly assigned to company's by the CO.

DATE: January 4, 1945.

PLACE: Reidheim, France.

TROOPS: No change.

ACTION; Although the Bn was on the alert for movement to the vicinity of Phalsburg where the division contemplated assembling, no definite orders were received. Our outposts were maintained and security checked by S-2. Several civilians were questioned as to proper passes and their destinations.

At 1235 CCA placed the Bn on a 3 hour alert status and ask for a training schedule to cover time spent in readiness for future movement.

The S-2 called meeting of orientation officers and a general briefing of the fronts were given along with tips on conducting training and information which should be given to the troops regarding situations. At 1830 the company commanders were called and additional outpost duties regarding security was given.

S-1 held a short orientation for all EM of Bn Hqs plus several notes of interest to all men.

At 2000 the outposts were checked by the field OD and a report submitted to the Bn CO at the close of the day.

DATE: January 5, 6, 1945.

PLACE: Reidheim, France.

TROOPS: No change.

ACTION: During the day, the prescribed training was carried out by all companies in compliance with higher headquarters.

The S-3 made a foot reconnaissance of suitable terrain for tank-infantry deployment as called for also by higher headquarters.

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The executive officer attended a meeting at CCA at which time plans were given to him for three possible routes of attack from our present position. During his absence, the Ln Off from CCA to Div called at our CP and discussed the same plans with the Bn CO.

At 1800 the company commanders were called and all three plans were thoroughly gone over and all were made familiar with routes and locations. During the process of the meeting the higher headquarters alerted our Bn to move on short notice under plan #2. At this point the Bn CO immediately issued his march order and all companies were alerted for the move.

The Ln Off brought final information on time of movement and at 2215 the CP at Reidheim was closed and opened in column.

DATE: January 7, 1945.

PLACE: Surbourg France.

TROOPS: 48 (-) 1C94, 2-C-94, A-68.

ACTION: The vicinity of Surbourg France which was designated in orders as our CP was occupied at approximately 0415 and security immediately established. Little rest was obtained by all personnel as orders from CCA ordered a rapid reconnaissance of the surrounding terrain to locate ground for a holding force composed principally of infantry and artillery and for tank attack action through the holding force. This mission was given to our Rcn platoon and results immediately submitted to CCA on completion of the reconnaissance.

At 1330 we were ordered to alert one medium tank company for movement to support 3rd Bn 315 and A-48 was given this mission; they moved out at 1400.

A-68 reverted to CCA reserve and 2-C-94 reverted to troop control.

Artillery overlay concentrations were issued to all units and check points for OP's and reconnaissance by 94th.

The Bn CO was called to meeting of TF Wahl in Surbourg to complete plans of repelling C/A in our immediate vicinity. No troops of ours were included in the TF.

Baker company was ordered to prepare one platoon of tanks for defensive fires on general line north south Surbourg.

A Co was reverted to 48 control and withdrew to vicinity of Kuhlendorf.

DATE: January 8, 9, 1945.

PLACE: Vicinity Surbourg, France.

TROOPS: 48th

ACTION: Little action on the 8th was reported. Several plans for the repelling of a counter attack were drawn up by our S-3 and plans submitted to CCA for approval. Company commanders were called in to familiarize them with said plans in the event of committal. at 0555 the 9th CO CCA ordered the alert of company A again. CO and Ex of 48th reported to TF Hqs for further orders.. Following ^{are} activities of 48th as written by S-3.

A-48 moved to vic Rittersshoofen at 0930, with mission of assisting 42nd Infantry to straighten lines, was relieved of mission at 1030 and returned to Kuhlendorf. It was sent back on same mission at 1330. Company Commander and S-3 contacted Battalion Commander of 42nd Infantry at Hatten at 1400 to arrange for assistance. Unknown number of tanks were reported at that time to be flanking town to south and personnel carriers and tanks flanking on north. A-48 began arriving in assembly area east of Rittersshofen at 1415.

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At approximately 1420 1st platoon went into position on south flank east of Rittershoffen to counter threat of Nazi southern envelopment, took the tanks under fire destroying and burning five of medium size. One platoon went into position on south flank west of Rittershoffen and third platoon on north flank east of Rittershoffen. Situation then was stable for 48th until 1700. At 1600 48th Battalion Commander contacted Regimental Commander 42nd Infantry and a coordinated attack was arranged with one platoon of tanks and one platoon of infantry attacking to east on either side of Hatten. Attack jumped off at 1710. Attack on north side of Hatten met little opposition, reached its objective by 1830. Attack on south side encountered some resistance, knocked out one tank, one personnel carrier and one staff car, reaching its objective by approximately 1845.

Relief of A-48 was arranged at 2030 and began at approximately 2230, with a TD platoon and an infantry company outposting each side of Hatten and tying in with 42nd Infantry in Hatten.

48 (-) A moved approximately 1430 to Neiderbetschdorf in reserve, moved back to former position, Bn Hq & HQ Co, B-48, D-48 establish MLR east of Hatten using A-48 south of Hatten and two companies infantry north of Hatten.

Number of german tanks destroyed in engagement was 6 plus personnel carrier and staff car. Number of enemy estimated killed 25.

DATE: January 10, 1945.

PLACE: Vicinity Rittershoffen, Hatten France.

TROOPS: No change.

ACTION; Operations for the day consisted mainly of establishing MLR east of Hatten. Narrative of action for the day By S-3 follows:

A-48 was committed at 0630 from their position on east edge of Rittershoffen with mission of moving to east south of Hatten and capturing the terrain on either side of the road southeast of Hatten. Mission was changed shortly after the attack jumped off in order to counter threat of enemy attack to west north of Hatten. Bulk of A-48 moved to position northeast of Rittershoffen leaving remainder covering enemy southern approach. A-48 then assisted infantry in repelling attack of 200 infantry at 0830 reinforced at 0930 by 6 tanks. Number of infantry casualties inflicted is unknown, one tank was knocked out with one probable. A-48 remained in position until relieved at 1630.

At 1150 remainder of 48th closed in Neiderbetschdorf area by order of higher headquarters. At 1500 B-48 had gone into battle position directly south of Rittershoffen. At 1530 C-48 had moved into battle position north and east of Rittershoffen.

At 1550 B-48 attacked to east through gap between Hatten and woods to south. Attack moved as planned until approximately 1645 when hostile fire from south edge of Hatten knocked out Company Commander's tank and communications on two platoon leaders tanks failed. Four tanks were hit by fire from Hatten and from direct east. Communications reestablished by 1730 and attack was resumed. Message received from higher headquarters directing withdrawal at 1735. Withdrawal accomplished with all tanks to Surbourg.

At 1600 C-48 attacked to east and north of Hatten with objective of seizing ground on either side of road to northeast of Hatten. Fire was received from north edge of Hatten at approximately 1700 disabling three tanks, and killing one tank commander. Six enemy tanks were definitely hit with AP ammunition which did not ricochet but extent of damage was not known. Unit was withdrawn beginning at 1730 to outpost position on edge of Rittershoffen.

To Surbourg, C-48 to Soultz, where it
reverted to 68 AB Control. Plans were drawn
up for tank, infantry attack at daylight to

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The Bn CP withdrew to their rear CP in Surbourg for the night and the town was outposted as originally prescribed.

Extent of casualties in personnel and vehicles (enemy) is undetermined for no accurate ^{count} could be made.

DATE: January 11, 1945

PLACE: Surbourg, Vicinity Rittershoffen, Hatten, France.

TROOPS: 48th, A-68, B-68, 500.

ACTION: Fierce fighting was encountered throughout the day with severe casualties dealt the enemy but not without loss of our own men and vehicles. A-48 being under control of the 68th was in position outside Kuhlendorf. C-48 took up their position north of Rittershoffen, B-48 flanking the town on the west.

C-48 supported by B-68 was ordered to launch an attack from their position north of Rittershoffen and route the enemy. Before the jump off could be accomplished a strong enemy attack was encountered and several tanks knocked out. Our artillery was called on for direct support and B-48 was also called on to furnish a section of tanks to aid the assault. The infantry was pinned down with small arms fire and could offer little resistance. Our A company took up firing positions west of the attack to give supporting fires. In late afternoon 68 called for our A which was attached to them to make contact with their Infantry in Rittershoffen. This information was reported to C Co and they readily accepted the additional fire power in the assault. Infantry continued to receive heavy mortar and artillery fire but was soon ^{neutralized} ~~repelled~~ by our own counter battery. At 1800 orders received from higher headquarters were to pull Bn minus A to east edge of Neiderbetschdorf and A-48 to vicinity of Kuhlendorf, their previous location. This was accomplished after coordinated plans with supporting Infantry dug in west of Rittershoffen to protect against a possible breakthrough. Outposts were established by B, C, D each flanking Neider and all possible routes of enemy attack. Rear CP remained in Surbourg.

DATE: January 12, 1945.

PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, France.

TROOPS: 48 (-) A, B-68, A-68, 500.

ACTION: Field order for the following day was issued: Enemy occupies south edge of Rittershoffen and unknown parts of Hatten, probably has tanks or anti-tank guns at both places. He may also have antitank defenses south of Hatten. Friendly troops hold west edge of Rittershoffen and unknown part of Hatten. Woods south are partly occupied by friendly troops extent to east unknown. CCA attacks at 0750 to assist in restoring main LR, 48th on right, 68 on left. 48th attacks south edge of Rittershoffen at 0750. B-68 attached will initially attack with armor in support. A-48 on north of Rittershoffen under control of 68 as yet remained in their present position being committed only on orders from 68. Reconnaissance of the area and vicinity to be attacked which was made by patrols the night before revealed that enemy strong points could be expected as fire was drawn from edge of woods and vicinity of railroad. Although friendly troops were supposed to be occupying woods to the south, no contact had been made and enemy had been reported instead.

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Companies in 48th with their mission for the day: B-48 move from assembly area in woods south of Rittershoffen at 0800 to take positions SE Rittershoffen to cut Rittershoffen-Hatten road by fire.

C-48 attacks SE part Rittershoffen with B-68 through town.

D-48 protect right flank and rear of attacking elements.

Operations of 48th as written by S-3: 48th moved due east to attack at 0750. Artillery concentration fell on objective from 0750-0805. B-48 moved across LD at 0750, maneuvered rapidly to the right flank and brought fire on the objective southeast edge Rittershoffen, by 0800. Attached Inf Co moved up near objective but did not advance further because of enemy fire. C-48 moved in rear of infantry to support by fire. Fire of B-48 was lifted on order of Bn CO at 0840 and infantry assaulted objective, was repulsed by small arms fire. D-48 had moved into position on south flank to cover flank and rear, continued in this mission until 1650. B-48 remained in position south of objective ready to support with fire by order until 1700. From 1100 until 1300 one section of B-48 was engaged in maneuvering close in to right side of objective. Section lost one tank destroyed, the other two withdrew to company position on order. C-48 continued to support with fire from close range the entire day. One tank, C-48, lost by anti-tank fire.

At 1650 D-48 moved on order rapidly due east flanking Rittershoffen and Hatten, firing upon south edge Hatten. B-48 covered advance of D-48 by intense fire upon Hatten until 1700. At that time the bulk of B-48 moved to accompany D-48 continuing its fire upon Hatten. At 1720 withdrawal of D-48 and B-48 to outpost positions at Neiderbetschdorf began, being completed by 1920. Resupply completed during night.

During the day the rear CP was called up and ordered to establish their headquarters in the near vicinity of the forward CP.

Platoon C-94 was attached to 48th for such missions as patrol duty and additional ground security.

DATE: January 13, 1945.

PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, France.

TROOPS: 48th plus A-68, 1-C-94

ACTION: The continued operations for the battalion coordinated troops in that vicinity was started at 0800: S-3 notes:

CO-ordinated attack of 48th Tk Bn, 68th Armd Inf Bn., and 3rd Bn of 315 Inf Regt started at 0800.. C-48 with B-68 and 1A-68 moved forward fighting from house to house. Attack progressed slow but steady until 1000 when one tank was knocked out as it approached the church.

The movement was slowed down until approximately 1800 when house to house fighting continued again.

B-48 took firing positions along south side of Rittershoffen-Hatten road in position able to cut road with fire.

D-48 took up flank firing position in the vicinity of southwest corner of town.

Defense positions for the night were established by all companies by 1930. Patrols were established contacting CCR on right and 68 on left.

A counter-attack by flame throwing German tanks and some infantry started at 2130. Counter-attack was contained within hour by massed artillery directed jointly by the Battalion CO and Artillery Liaison officer.

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DATE: January 14, 1945.

PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, Rittershoffen, Hatten, France.

TROOPS: 48th, 1-A-68, B-68.

ACTION: Operations today consisted primarily of a defensive nature with the purpose of holding the ground taken yesterday in Rittershoffen and retaking those small sectors of town lost during last night's counterattack.

B-48 again had the mission of cutting the Rittershoffen-Hatten road with fire from positions southeast of Rittershoffen. They reached this position by 1030. At 1110 B Co fired on enemy infantry effectively at southeast edge of town.

D-48 again took firing positions along right flank of town with position of protective fire.

All elements of 1-A-68 and B-68 were regrouped under the command of 1st Lt Keene who resumed mission of clearing assigned sector of town.

At 1415 a counterattack consisting of tanks and infiltrating infantry approached our positions. Our supporting artillery and direct fire of B-48 from their assigned positions contained the counter-attack so that by 1500 the situation was under control. Assault Gun Platoon and Mortar Platoon, 48th Tk Bn supported artillery fire on counter-attack.

Plan for defense of position were put into effect by 1900.

Orders were also received that a mine field would be laid by the 125th Engrs across the front of the 14th AD sector and the most forward elements. Overlays from CCA were received showing approximate location of field and this was distributed to all companies that they might immediately become familiar with the plans.

A brief note from CO CCA commending the 48th and supporting troops was received covering the past few days operations.

Intermittent enemy artillery was received in the vicinity of the Bn CP on several days and some coming very close shattering several windows and causing one death and three casualties across the street in Hq Co.

The supporting artillery (500) gave excellent cooperations to all calls for registrations and was instrumental in repelling several enemy counterattacks against our forces.

DATE: January 15, 16, 17, 1945.

PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, Rittershoffen, Hatten, France.

TROOPS, 48th, 1-A-68, B-68, 500.

ACTIONS: During the next two days the operations consisted partially of a defensive or holding mission. Armor was deployed into position in and around the village of Rittershoffen with the prime mission of holding the ground which had been taken and to repel any enemy thrusts they might undertake. Due to the shortage of tanks and personnel through enemy action this was about the extent that our troops could be utilized. Several enemy thrusts were attempted and all repelled by supporting artillery and direct fire from our tanks. Infantry were dug in in holding positions but due to their heavy casualty list, their combined forces (armor and infantry) could not be used otherwise.

Operations of 48th for 17th by S-3: A-48 moved at 0700 to assembly area NW Rittershoffen, prepared to swing N of Rittershoffen with A-315 to capture high ground immediately NE of Rittershoffen. Mission of A-315 was changed in early afternoon to assist B-315 in direct assault on NW end of Rittershoffen.

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A-48 supported this attack; the attack received heavy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and AT fire. Attack was unsuccessful resulting in one tank disabled in A-48. A-48 was withdrawn at darkness to assembly area east of Kuhlendorf.

B-48 continued to support directly holding operations of 68 and 3-315 in town of Rittershoffen. C-48 moved to position SE of Rittershoffen to cut Rittershoffen-Hatten road by tank fire, encountered desultory enemy fire, was withdrawn to assembly area E of Neiderbetschdorf at darkness.

D-48 covered right flank and rear of Bn until withdrawn at darkness to assembly area E of Neiderbetschdorf.

Security and outposts were immediately established for the night.

DATE: January 18,19, 1945.

PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, Rittershoffen, France.

TROOPS: No Change.

ACTION: Operations for 18th consisted mainly of being on the alert to move east to repel any counter-attack the enemy might try. A-48 posted two tanks on the Kuhlendorf-Rittershoffen road with balance of company in reserve B-48 furnished support on west edge of Rittershoffen to the 315 and 68 and C and D posted tanks on the Neiderbetschdorf-Rittershoffen road with the balance of their tanks in reserve all on immediate call in case of expected counterattack.

Orders received at 1315 from CC A to make attack by fire on north flank of Rittershoffen from 1400 to 1500 with 1 platoon A-48. These orders were given to A-48 CO and to the 500 artillery at 1345. The platoon moved into position and began to fire at 1445 and continued to assault with fire until 1515. Fire was placed on bldgs on northwest edge of Rittershoffen with HE and APC. HE was fired on superquick into trees around northwest edge of town. Cal 30 was fired on approaches to town and into buildings. Positive effects hard to determine but several buildings were destroyed or burned.

Some high velocity AT fire was received by the platoon during the action. The delay was due to the intense artillery falling in platoon assembly area. The change in time was coordinated with the 315 Infantry who had troops in the zone of action.

Outposts of tanks on roads leading from Rittershoffen were established and contact made by patrols each hour during the night.

DATE: January 20,21, 1945.

PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, France.

TROOPS: 48th,

ACTION: Little activity was noted during the 20th with only light artillery and mortar fire received. No contact with the enemy was made with our most forward elements. Late in the afternoon the Bn CO was called to CCA and on his return the Bn was informed that we would furnish the rear guard for the entire 14th AD in a withdrawal through the Hagamau forest to the vicinity of Wintzenheim where a new MLR would be established.

This movement under possible enemy infiltration was a mission with grave responsibility on the part of the Bn Commander. After a thorough discussion with staff and intense planning officers of the Bn plus attachments needed for the maneuver were called in and an all night briefing was held.

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All light vehicles and maintenance crews and company headquarters began the withdrawal late the night of the 20th and by 0500 the 21st nothing but the armor and Bn Hqs were left. Coordinated plans with demolition squads, infantry and tanks were made. This consisted of preparations for the blowing of bridges, trees prepared for felling, road blocks and the like and the close coordination that Infantry and Engineers would be picked up by our tanks just prior to the time demolitions would be set off.

B-48 was under Infantry control and withdrew under their command. C-48 protecting the northing sector near Kuhlendorf withdrew thru Schwabwiller. A-48 protecting the rear of the Bn was initially assembled east of Neiderbetschdorf and was the last unit to withdraw. D-48 took up a position in vicinity of Soultz and furnished protection against possible breakthrough. All withdrawals by our forces were closely coordinated with the Engineers seeing that no bridges were blown or road blocks set up before our tanks had passed such critical points.

Bn Hqs withdrew by bounds; first setting up temporary CP at Schwabwiller for approximately two hours; then on word from the Bn CO, proceeded to the south edge of Surbourg awaiting further orders from Bn CO and CCA. Traffic was congested all along the route through the Hageunau forest and could have resulted into a serious situation due to the conditions of the roads being extremely slippery had the enemy had knowledge of the movement.

With the 48th having the situation well in hand, orders from CCA came through to begin the withdrawal of our most rear elements; this was accomplished with great success and by late afternoon, our companies had pulled out from their assigned positions thru the forest and continued to march towards Wintzenheim.

Under the excellent planning and intelligence and cool determination of our Bn CO to accomplish this difficult operations, great praise must be bestowed upon him for the success and accomplishment of the mission.

At 1700 the Bn CP closed into Wintzenheim and all units had closed into their respective towns with security and outposts immediately set up.

DATE: January 22-31, 1945.

PLACE: Wintzenheim, Lupstein, France.

TROOPS: 48th

ACTION: For the next ten days hard work lay ahead for the men; maintenance of weapons and vehicles was of prime importance always with the possibility of alert orders being received. In order of priority units were ordered to initiate the following program: A positive program to insure repair, maintenance and replacement of weapons, vehicles and individual clothing and equipment. Provide a recreation and rehabilitation program for troops recently in combat. Continue training and orientation of replacements. Initiate training program outlined in previous Operations Memorandums.

Administrative matters took on a new zest for now the work for future operations, decorations, security, communications, training required by higher headquarters called for much paper work and men were constantly busy with their duties.

B-48 was assigned to 62 Inf and moved under their control.

The 23rd a review was arranged for men receiving awards and a visit by the Commanding General was announced to do the decorating.

Reconnaissance was immediately instituted for possible routes of advance to the north in the event of a move against the enemy. Alternate plans and routes as prescribed by CCA were reconnoitered and overlays submitted.

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VI Corps conducted a lecture on security by one of their officers stressing importance of escaping early in the event of capture.

Company commanders meeting was held and several points were discussed. Security, commissioning of enlisted men, training of reinforcements and briefing of the immediate fronts.

On the 25th The Bn moved to Lupstein where outposts were established and various headquarters set up. Line companies took up positions in the surrounding villages and training and maintenance was continued.

Movies and shows were provided for the men.

Shower points were established by higher headquarters and all personnel given the opportunity to wash cloths and general police.

Pay Day as usual on the last day of the month and facilities for the men to send money home were provided.

During the month several promotions were made in the organizations:

Pfc Arnold F Smith, Hq Co to T/5	Sgt Wm E. McCauley, A Co, to S/Sgt
Sgt Nathan P Iglitz, B Co to T/Sgt.	Pfc James M Kuszmaul, D Co to Sgt
Cpl Stewart W. McConville, Hq Co to Sgt.	T/4 Herman L Magnuson, D Co to Sgt
T/5 John A Runberg Hq Co to Cpl	T/4 George Grocholski, D Co to Sgt.
Pfc Frankie H Finck, Hq Co to T/5	Cpl Wilbur J Kramer, A Co, to Sgt
Pfc Thomas B. Ferrell, Hq Co to T/5	Pfc Joseph E Jones, A Co, to Sgt
Pfc Stanley L. Malak, Hq Co to T/5	Cpl John L Hopkins, A Co, to Sgt
Pfc Harold H. Daykin, Hq Co to T/5	T/5 Felix P. Bilski, A Co, to T/4
Pfc Bernard M. Pietrowiak, Hq Co to Cpl	T/5 Philip T. Phelps, D Co, to T/4
Pfc Bobby O Schulz, A Co to Cpl	T/5 Paul A. Hienton, D Co, to T/4
Pvt Harold C. Stone, A Co to Cpl	Pfc Alan A. Traub, D Co, to T/4
Pfc Paul Pryor, A Co, to T/5	Pvt Donald G. Benner, A Co, to Cpl
Pfc Thomas G. Smith, A Co, to T/5	Pfc Franklin J. McGrane, A Co, to Cpl
Pvt Walter Lester, A Co, to T/5	Pvt Norman M. Kirman, A Co, to Cpl
Pfc Charles W. Redpath, Bn Hq, to T/5	Pvt Earl Jabaayk, A Co, to T/5
Pfc Arnold W. Geiss, D Co, to T/5	Pfc Henry M. Kucharski, D Co, to T/5
T/5 Palmer L. Perkins, D Co, to T/4	Sgt Jerry Holl, D Co, to T/Sgt

Changes in Staff personnel were as follows: Capt James O Witt, S-2 who was wounded in action was replaced by 1st Lt. Victor S. Greensbaum.

Major George W. England was transferred to the 94th Cav. Rcn Sq. as CO.

His position being taken over by Major James Studer. Capt A. O. Kingsley was transferred from Div Hqs to the position of S-3. Capt Jack B. Hammons, CO of Hq Co was transferred to the Ln Off position to CCA from this Hqs and 2nd Lt Gerald Collins was appointed Communications officer.

Award, Posthumously of the Bronze Star Medal was made to S/Sgt Samuel E. Boyden for heroic achievement in action near Donon, France 24 November 44.

Award of the Bronze Star Medal by the Commanding General of the 14th was made to the following enlisted men:

Elton C. Ross, D Co; George H. Ross, D Co; Everett A. Cureman, Co B; Lloyd F. Lynch, Serv Co; Raymond D. Manwaring, Serv Co; Edward R. Salzetti, Serv Co; Hugh C. Bailey, Serv Co; Raymond L. Moran, Serv Co;

Award of the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart was made to Walter C. Souder, Co A;.

Purple Heart awards to: Lloyd B. Hutt, Co A; Eugene R. Simons, Co C; Eugene P. Nosal, Co A; Robert D. Baker, Co A;

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012400 JAN 45

PLACE

Bullinger House

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
			0130	call from cca that flank counter attack was made by enemy in 15 cop front.	
			0600	call from cca. Bn alerted to be ready to move at daylight.	
			0700	Bn put on 30 minute alert. Problem called off + all co's notified. In cpl n officer reported to C.P.	
			0900	Order received from C.C.A. via bn off.	
			0928	Order given to Co. C.D's - march and give at night.	
			1145	Bn C.P. placed at 1145	
			1145	Bn C.P. placed in column	
			1555	Bn moved an area at 1545 Location of C.P. at 1545	msg to C.C.A.

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From: 010001 DEC
To: 012400 DEC

HQ. 48 TIC BN
LORENTZEN, FR.

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Maps: SAARE UNION, SAAREBENKING, BITCHE, BOUXWILLER SHEET
SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

BN ALERTED, 30 MINUTE ALERT, AT
0600. MOVED TO LORENTZEN, FRANCE
CLOSING AT 1545

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

MARCH SUCCESSFUL

"OVER"

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Bq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
A Co	M4 (75)	10	1		
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105)	1			
B Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	9		1	
	M4 (105)	1			
C Co	M4 (75)	11		1	
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105)	1			
D Co	M5 (37)	16	1	1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	28	1	1	
	M4 (76)	21		1	
	M4 (105)	6			
	M5 (37)	16	1	1	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #18.

1. 68 establish holding position on commanding ground in present sector using AT, AG, Mortars, Cal 50, Cal 30 MIs and S/A weapons for close in defense. Mission of 68 to establish center of resistance from which tanks can maneuver attacking from South, Southwest, or East through 68's position.

Disposition of 68 to hold a fixed defense so tanks can attack.

68 can expect to lose C-48 because tanks will be used in mass.

Reconnoiter road system to South, Southeast of present position to East boundary of IV Corps because if enemy attacks through woods, AT and Bazookas of 68 may be ordered to East against flank of such an attack. In that event 48 could be expected to attack on its right along TIEFFENBACH-INNHILLER rd and the next road north of it.

68 be prepared to drop back to alternate positions vic SCHMIDT-VILLE, similar to position in the RANLING area, to repel counterattack.

2. 48 conduct recon to attack Northeast astride RANLING rd through 68 or to attack from flanks across the front of 68 from East or West. It will also reconnoiter the TIEFFENBACH rd, WALDHOMBACH rd (both branches), and the SOUCHT rd East to the Corps Boundary, to be prepared to attack the west flank of an enemy penetration moving South through the woods.

48 will similarly reconnoiter for tank attack operations from the South, West, and East based on 68 defensive plans vic SCHMIDTVILLE.

3. 501 prepare plans and select positions from which to support these operations and arrange for reinforcing fires from Corp Arty.

501 will be prepared to support either operation.

4. Hot breakfast will be served prior daylight.

Resupply tonight and refill empty vehicles.

Service companies less maint, three trucks each of gasoline and ammunition, clear DIEMERIGHEN for old bivouac area prior to 0700 2 Jan scheduled by S-4 GCA.

5. Current 601 in effect. Listening watch.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION

2300, 1 January 1945

FIELD ORDER (Issued Orally)

1. a. 2nd DB relieves CCA present area effective 0600, 2 January 1945. No detailed arrangement of relief between CCA and 2nd DB.

b. CCA moves to vicinity Ingwiller morning 2 January 1945 re-joining 14 AD

2. 48th Tk Bn heads column, CCA
Order of March:

1-C-94
A-48
Bn Hq
Hq Co
A-68
B-48
2-C-125
Serv-48
Combat Tns
Bn Maint
D-48

Route: Diemerigen, Durstel, Drullingen, Metting, Hangbiller, Eschbaurg, Dussenheim, Neuwiller, NE on IC 73 to Niedersaultzbach, Ingwiller.

Interval: 30 minutes between march serials, 10 minutes between march units.

3. a. C-125(-) w/detach MP attached will mark route and sand where necessary.

b. Co's will use sand from bags on tanks if considered necessary enroute, refill at assembly area.

4. Kitchens move w/Co's

5. a. CP opens _____ at _____

b. Listening posts only, radio.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
Drullingen, France

0900, 1 January 1945

FIELD ORDER (Issued Orally)

1. XXX

2. 48th Bn marches to assembly area vicinity Lorentzon prepared to counterattack and destroy several small groups simultaneously or large groups of armor using full strength between east boundary XV Corps and Sarre River.

Troops: 1- C-94
A- 48
A- 68
B-4 8
D- 48
2-C-125
Bn CO party & Eng Off
Hq Co- 48
Combat Tns
Bn Maint

Route: Drullingen, Durstel, Adamswiller, Lorentzon
Follow Hq CCA no distance, liaison by 1-C-94 to
follow Hq CCA

3. All units maintain OP's on high ground at assembly area using 300 series radios where necessary.

4. Kitchens to Combat Tns, brought forward for hot meal supper.

5. (a) Bn CP, Lorentzon
(b) Radio listening posts only.

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Hq 14 AD
1 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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1. KEY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: little activity. 10-30 vehicles reported in HERNOY. Enemy building up there.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Activity picked up at midnight. Group of 25 paratroopers reported dropped in vic BISCHEWILLER (R-0815). Estimate of enemy strength:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>On Line</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
TF HUBELSON	1700	1800
45th Div	1900	1800
79th Div	2400	400
	6000	4000

TF LINDBERGH - Minor activity. TF HUBELSON - Enemy aircraft exchanged signals with ground personnel vic R-126115 at 2310A and vic R-125125 at 0200A. Seven men patrol taken under fire vic BISCHEWILLER at 0200A. 79th Div - Enemy activity negligible. PW stated that the 26th Div pulled out from front of 79th Div and moved N, possibly moving into TF HUBELSON's area. 45th Div - Movements of various groups and vehicles reported S of BUNDENTHAL (R-0555), probably build up of enemy strength. Enemy active around Hill 469 (R-145540). Enemy patrol activity in NEUNHOFFEN (Q-9146) area reported early this morning. Enemy launched a 3 company attack in NEUNHOFFEN area against "F" Co 157 Regt and 62 AIB. PW, 1st Bn 481 Regt 256 Div, claims div attacking on 10 km front. TF HUBELSON - At 0200A enemy launched a strong attack SE. Attack was supported by SA, mortar, Arty fire. The attack was preceded by vehicular movement in BITCHE area and aggressive patrolling. Attack S of BITCHE overran two plato 117 Cav. Attack S of EGUELSHARDT (Q-821463) penetrated to line Q-815442 to BANSTAIN, hit plat encls at Q-815442 in rear and left flank. Each attack believed originally Bn strength (300 men). BAERENTHAL received 60-70 rounds estimated 105s at 1130A. 1127 Regt of 559 Div identified. Possibility of 256 Div N of sector. Also possibility of 559 Div in sector. Their mission is to seize high ground overlooking HAGENAU woods.

IV Corps: Enemy activity increased at midnight. Possibility of a major attack in this Corps zone. Enemy exerting pressure along entire front. PW taken claim that attack begins today with four panzer Divs. Estimation of enemy strength 5600 on line, 7300 in reserve, 100-150 tanks.

c. Counter-Offensive In the North: Stubborn enemy resistance continued along entire III Corps front with enemy sensitive to our pressure S of WILTZ. WILTZ area 9 PG Div launched a counterattack--repulsed. Enemy counterattack against corridor to BASTOGNE at LUBERBOIS (P-5653) stopped with loss of 15 tanks to enemy. 3 PG, 15 PG, 25 VG Divs have moved around to western side of BASTOGNE and elements of these Divs have attacked strongly at CHEHOGNE (P-4857) but gained no ground. Infiltration tactics have been tried on both sides of

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
APB 446, U. S. ARMY

M-O-N-T-H-L-Y R-E-P-O-R-T

DATE: January 1, 1945.

PLACE: Drulingen, France.

TROOPS: 48 (-) 1-C-94, A-88, 2-C-125.

ACTION: To begin the new year, this Bn after spending several days in a status of reserve of 15th Corp was alerted because of a suspected counter attack to the north of Drulingen. No companies were actually alerted to move but Hqs were notified that orders could be expected at any time.

at 0600 CC A Hqs called by phone and alerted us to move on moments notice to area to be designated. Ln officers were called and received the march order from the Bn CO on his return from higher headquarters. 48th Bn marches to assembly area vicinity Lorentzen prepared to counterattack and destroy several small groups simultaneously or large groups of armor using full strength between east boundary XV Corps and Sarre River.

At 1145 the CP closed at Drulingen and opened on the road. (march order and allied papers will be filed with log for day).

During the march the only activity noted was two enemy planes possibly attempting to strafe the column but were beat off by surrounding AA units and our own weapons.

The Bn closed in the vicinity of Lorentzen and Hqs set up in town.

Almost on arrival at our assembly area, further orders were received that this Bn would be relieved by the 2nd DB in present area. No detailed arrangements were specified on the switch of units but on closing in our area company commanders were called and the plans for movement and return to VII Corp area were discussed.

Message from CC A by Ln Off advised this Hqs that Bn plus attachments would move on the morning of the 2nd to the vicinity of Ingwiller France rejoining the 14th AD.

The town of Lorentzen being off limits to our troops, our personnel was forced to bivouac in the outskirts of town to spend the night.

DATE: January 2, 1945.

PLACE: Neuwiller, France.

TROOPS: 48(-) A-88

ACTION: At 0630 company commanders were called and the march order issued for the Bn to march to the vicinity of Reidheim rejoining the 14th AD in this sector. 0912 the CP closed at Lorentzen and opened up on the road. After much congestion at a critical crossroads in the outskirts of town, in conjunction with the movement of the 2nd DB coming into town, the Bn and attached unit moved to their newly assigned area.

During the march orders were received that a new mission had been assigned. 1348 the CP opened in Reidhem and the company commanders were immediately called to issue the new field order. The new mission called for outposting in the vicinity of Neuwiller with preventing the enemy from infiltration from the woods to the north.

The 48th moved immediately at 1645 to Neuwiller closing there at 2000 where security and outposts were established for the night.

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corridor by enemy. At MOIRCY (P-3757) a strong counterattack was dispersed. SS troops and enemy outposts were met SW of ST HUBERT. Elements of 130 Pz Div reported to be still in ST HUBERT area. 2 Pz Div and 11 Pz Div still out of contact. 6 Pz Army has moved somewhat to W and is generally concentrated in the MARCHÉ (P-1183) — HOTTON (P-3783) — GRANDMENIL (P-5290) area. PWs report it increasingly difficult to come up to the front because of rail interdiction W of RHINE.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. German Preparations for Chemical Warfare: Since Allied forces have been operating on German soil, a marked change has taken place in the consciousness of the average German soldier, of the possibilities of chemical warfare. Whereupon as recently as three months ago, German soldiers rarely even considered the possibility of gas warfare, it now appears that many of the PWs passing through the cage are very much afraid that Hitler, in a desperate last try, might invite an unlimited chemical warfare. This is significant. Even if taking in consideration that these men were deliberately selected for the survey because they held CWS functions in the German Army and for that reason may tend to accentuate certain facts out of "professional pride" one can still not help but "check one's gauges" if out of 359 PWs interrogated, 276 considered it quite likely that Germany would take the offensive in poison gas warfare.

A more intensified training of both troops and civilians, and items like the bag for small children squarely bring up a question as formulated by PW ZAHN-LEITER: "Why would the German High Command tax an already strained industry with the production of these items if it did not deem them necessary." Unless Germany is preparing for an Allied gas attack, it seems not unlikely, as 276 PWs attested to, that Germany's madmen at least are toying with the idea of using gas as a fall of its leaders. (100th Inf Div) (Source: FUSA)

b. New Type Shell: Possible use of Pulverized Glass in Artillery Shells: War Department information reveals that the Germans may soon use artillery shells that will release pulverized glass on explosion. The information does not indicate the size or character of the particles of glass, and definite information is not yet available as to the effect of various sized particles.

Extremely fine particles would cause a dust cloud to be formed which would have a masking effect somewhat like smoke. A short-time exposure to this type of cloud would probably be no more dangerous than the hazard suffered by workers in an industry such as granite or stone cutting. Information from another source gives slight indication that this fine cloud would be used by the Germans to overload the mechanical filter of the present gas mask and thus render it useless. However, it is felt that this is a false assumption since the present mechanical filter has a long life against fine solid particles. The mask now carried by the troops would give absolute protection against any choking or irritating effect that these very fine particles might have on an unprotected person.

Slightly larger particles might conceivably cause some damage by irritation of the skin, especially around collars, cuffs, the waistline and crotch. Particles of, say, the size of a pinhead or larger would cause superficial cuts and abrasions and make eye damage the real danger. The range over which such small particles could be dispersed with any appreciable velocity is negligible.

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Particles approaching ordinary shell splinters in size would have considerable velocity and also be capable of causing fairly severe casualties. This has been demonstrated by the large number of casualties caused by flying glass as a result of the V-1 explosions. However, protection from most of this type of fragment is rendered by relatively light cover and even by heavy clothing.

Intelligence agencies should be alert for the first appearance of these shells or the capture of artillery dumps containing this type of shell. (Source: Seventh Army G-2 Info Bulletin No. 42).

c. Weather: 2 Jan - Low broken to overcast with light intermittent snow showers in morning and in late evening. Visibility 5-9 miles except 2-4 miles in showers. Wind westerly 8-12 mph. Minimum temperature 26 degrees F.

3 Jan - Low broken to overcast in morning becoming scattered to broken in afternoon. Rain and snow showers in morning. Visibility 5-6 miles. Wind westerly 8-10 mph. Minimum temperature 28 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period .. 8
Total PWs to date .. 795

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TR BN.
FROM 020001 JAN 45
TO 022400 JAN 45
PLACE NEUWILLER, FR.

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
			0630	Alert of Bn for movement to refuel Bn: - C.O.D.	To C.O. C.O.
			0800	March order issued	
			0912	C.P. arrived at Riedheim	
			0912	C.P. opened in column	
			1348	Bn C.P. opened in Riedheim	
			1605	Order received from C.O.D. to move to vic Neuwiller	To Co. C.O.
			1645	C.P. returned at Riedheim	
			1645	C.P. opened in column	
			2000	C.P. opened at Neuwiller	

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #18.

Scale: 1/50,000

1. Enemy is infiltrating from North and has reached ^{vio} ~~REIDHEIM~~ ~~WILLER~~.
2. CCA organizes out posts to prevent enemy exit or infiltration from passes or woods in zone INGWILLER (excl) - DOSENHEIM. It also organizes outposts around BOUXWILLER to prevent infiltration and to provide adequate warning of attack - sector overlay.
3. a. 68 with 1 plst C-125 attached outposts its sector, detect and defeat any attempted enemy infiltration from woods to NW or thru its flanks. Do not commit C-48 and one rifle company without authority this headquarters.
b. 48 move at once to NEUWILLER - GRIESBACH, outposts assigned sector, meet and defeat any attempted enemy infiltration from woods to West or around flanks. Do not commit either Med Tk Co without authority this headquarters.
c. C-94 relieved from attachment 48 and 68. Move at once to BOUXWILLER. Organize outpost around BOUXWILLER to prevent infiltration and to provide adequate warning of attack.
d. 501 move at once via REIDHEIM. Occupy positions to support both Bns, reaching the line 790325 - 750294 - 735229. No registration. Complete surveys and preparation for fire without delay to include immediate defense of BOUXWILLER.
e. C-125(-) (move via BOUXWILLER) assist Bns in preparation of Rd blocks. Be prepared to assemble on 2 hours notice to assist, under command of C-94 in defense of BOUXWILLER.
4. Separately!
5. CP CCA, BOUXWILLER.

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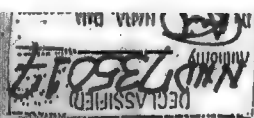
Prepare roads for blocks - Trees wpt. rd.
Holes for mines

1. Gas Truck

I. Ev. Botwille C-136

Service Co. remind in Block

Listening Silence Radio



(To be submitted to Hq CGA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
For instructions see FM 101-6 pages 106 & 117

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From: 020001 JAN 45
To: 022400 JAN 45

HQ. 48 TK BN.

NEUWILLER, FR.

No. _____

Map: BOUXWILLER SHEET 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

BN MARCHED FROM LORENTZON FR. TO REGOIN DIVISION, AT RIEDHEIM AND MASHEIM. BN ALERTED TO MOVE TO NEUWILLER - GRIESBACH AND MOVED AT 1645. ESTABLISHED OUTPOSTS IN EASTERN SECTOR OF WOODS.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

MARCHES SUCCESSFUL.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
"A" Co	M4 (75)	10	1		
	M4 (76)	6			
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	9		1	
	M4 (105)	1			
"C" Co	M4 (75)	11		1	
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	16	1	1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	28	1	1	
	M4 (76)	22		1	
	M4 (105)	6			
	M5 (37)	16	1	1	

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b. OB. Identifications taken in drive thru TF HUDELSON sector have been both 256 and 361 VG Div, the 256 to the right, the 361 to the left. Neither Div is considered first rate. Reports from defenders at BAERENTHAL indicate possibility they were doped up. PWs taken 30 Dec at 79 Div front claimed 256 was pulling out to move north and that the defenses in the BIENWALD are being manned by VOLK STURM (usually 3 days training), moving in since 26 Dec. Corps reports heavy RR movement from LANDAU to PIRASSENS (Q9066), believes this might be more of 21 Pz Div. If so, this and more of 256 VG Div would relatively uncover WISSENBURG Gap and BIENWALD, but would be a threat to our VOSGES posns. 11 Pz Div never identified in ARDENNES push- may still be in 7th Army sector.

c. 105 Pz Brigade. Interrogation of an enemy officer PW from a "Jeep Party" of EDHEIT STIELAU reveals the following information:

(1) There exists the 105 Panzer Brigade in addition to the 30 Jeep loads of disguised Germans now operating in the First US Army areas.

(2) This Panzer Brigade is a special armored unit also formed to operate behind our lines. All tanks, scout cars, vehicles, half-tracks, etc., are either captured US vehicles complete with US markings, or German tanks built up with wooden structures and considerable camouflaging to be like US tanks from a distance, or to operate at night.

(3) The mission of this special brigade is: At a decisive period during the current operations, to create chaos, panic and confusion in our rear areas as well as capturing certain key points, (e.g. Bridges). They are to hide in forests during the day and conduct their movement at night or just at last light. They operate with advancing spearheads of armored divisions in some cases and it is believed that this has already occurred in the VIII US Corps Sector. The "Panic" procedure is to spread wild stories to our units as they speed past, shouting "that the Germans are only a few thousand yards behind them". To retreat along our vital main roads blocking traffic by turning around or simulating breakdowns. The units of 105 Panzer Brigade also operate in conjunction with the "Jeep" parties of EDHEIT STIELAU.

(4) It is definitely known that these troops identify themselves to each other by the use of a blue flashlight and slant or raising the right arm in the air. The reply to this challenge is the left arm elevated to the head and slant or red light.

(5) It is believed that tanks of the 105 Panzer Brigade carry the letter "X", "Y", or "Z" on the bow, but this as yet has not been actually confirmed. (Source: VI Corps).

d. Weather: 3 Jan - High and middle clouds throughout day. Visibility 1 - 2 miles until 1100A due to fog improving to 5 - 6 miles after that. No precipitation. Wind NE 6 - 10mph. Min temp 16 degrees F.

e. Total PWs during period - 5
Total PWs to date - 800

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HQ. 48 TRBN

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
			1215	Alert orders received from C.O. to march to Rudheim.	
			1300	C.O. Co's given march orders & F.O. orally.	
			1345	Bn C.P. closes at Neuwiller.	
			1345	Bn C.P. opened in Calumnes.	
			1410	Bn C.P. opened in Rudheim.	
			1635	Bn parties called to CCA at 1800.	
		①		one Bn of 953 Ser. Reg't located at top of hill at 779356. at 1825	
		②	2130	12 Reg't of 6 S.S. Mt Div in vicinity of Reberswiller.	

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From: 030001 DEC.
To: 032400 DEC.

HQ 48 TR BN
RIEDHEIM, FR.

No. _____

Maps: BOUVILLER SHEET 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Clear - Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

BN MOVED FROM NEUWILLER TO
REIDHEIM - IMSHHEIM CLOSING AT 1455
OUTPOSTS ESTABLISHED

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Move successful

- over -

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Bq	M4(76)	2			
	M4(105)	2			
A Co	M4(75)	10	1		
	M4(76)	5		1	
	M4(105)	1			
B Co	M4(75)	7			
	M4(76)	8		2	
	M4(105)	1			
C Co	M4(75)	11		1	
	M4(76)	5			
	M4(105)	1			
D Co	M4(75)	14	1	3	
	M4(76)				
	M4(105)				
TOTAL	M4(75)	28	1	1	
	M4(76)	22		3	
	M4(105)	6			
	M4(75)	14	1	3	

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION

3 January 1945

FIELD ORDER (Issued Orally)

1. XXX

2. 48th moves to Reidheim, Imbsheim, Griesbach with mission of covering southern flank of CCA.

Troops:

Bn Hq
Hq Co
A-48
D-48
A-68

Interval: March by Co's

Time: First Co move as soon as ready

3. (a) Bn Hq & Hq Co to Reidheim.
(b) A-48 to Imbsheim
(c) B-48 remain Griesbach
(d) D-48 to Reidheim
(e) A-68 to Imbsheim
(f) Serv remain Imbsheim
(x) a) Line units outpost all roads leading out of assigned sectors
b) Biv parties proceed immed to reconnoiter positions assigned.
Meeting point for biv parties at RJ(784,222)
4. Kitchens & maint to accompany companies.
5. (a) Bn CP, Reidheim
(b) Listening posts only, radio

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HEADQUARTERS 11TH ARMORED DIVISION
A. P. O. 440 U. S. ARMY

3 January 1915

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

NUMBER 7:

1. Upon reactivation Division will be reorganized as follows:

CCA	CCB	CCR	DEV TRS	DEV AMS
Hq Co, CCA	Hq Co, CCB	Hq, CCR	Hq & Hq. (FM)	Hq, 11th Div
18	25	17	Hq & Hq Btry.	Hq, (FM)
68	82	19	Div Arty	84
G-3h	A-9h	127h	199	130
Det 15h	Det 15h		500	Det Band
			501	15h (-)
			5h (-)	
			125	
			MP Plat	
			Band (-)	
			Det 15h	

To be committed on Corps order.

2. Pending further orders, 117th Tn Bn will continue to maintain control of the units as they moved to the front. The Engr Co will be prepared to support the Div in execution of its mission. Other units (Mec) to be prepared to move to either front. Div Trs to be used in accordance with existing instructions.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "A"
14TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 448 U.S. Army

3 January 1945

TO: Hq Co CCA
48
88
C-94

1. a. Reconnaissance will be initiated of the assembly area indicated and the route thereto without delay.
b. Siveuso parties of units will assemble at this headquarters at 1800 today.
2. a. Reserves will be kept alert for movement to anyplace within the division zone on short notice.
b. Infantry will be used for close-in protection of tanks, or tank type vehicles that are disposed as a part of the defenses of the passes of the eastern VOSGES.
c. Positions of all weapons emplaced in these defenses will be checked carefully as to fields of fire and cover to insure that positions afford the best that are available for the execution of the missions.
d. Crews will be dug in to afford maximum protection for personnel.

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Hq 14 AD
3 Jan 45INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 29.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Quiet. Small counterattack vic KILBS (A 8598), near Swiss border, repulsed.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Enemy situation generally unchanged. Right sector of VOSGES action relatively quiet; active patrolling and infiltration on left. TF LINDEN - Truck movements via BRUCKENHENGEL (R 1309). 79th Div - WISSEMBOURG bridge being interdicted with 150mm Arty, 1 rd each 15 minutes, during past 24 hours. No Arty or mortar fire on front lines yesterday. RHINE R area very quiet. Lt harassing fire during night on front lines, concentration on BERG (R 3442) at 2200A. Eny patrol attacked outpost 1 Km N of BERG with mission (according to PW) to determine our strength vic BERG. TF HUDELSON and 45th Div - At noon yesterday, eny tanks were reported moving S on HITSCH-LEMBERG road, 10-12 Tks on road 1 Km N of LEMBERG. Eny reported holding high ground to NE and SW of WILDENGUTH (Q 7837). Eny Inf contacted in WILDENGUTH. SARRENSBOURG (Q 7441) bombed and strafed at 1245A. Est Co attacked at roadblock in WILDENGUTH (Q 7837) at 1300A repulsed. Enemy mortars interdicted CR at REIPERTSWILLER all day. Small group eny attempted to infiltrate into REIPERTSWILLER from NW, fired on, some killed, rest withdrawn. 3 German women soldiers in uniforms, draftsmen, taken by 62. There were at least 2 cases of civilian women sleeping in SAERENTHAL. 2 PWs taken at REIPERTSWILLER yesterday - from 1 Co. of 361st Engr Bn (361 VG Div) - had preceded their unit there to get billets - the unit was moving their CP there. At nightfall, eny still was infiltrating in OBERSTEINBACH (Q 9648) - NEUNHOFEN (Q 9146) area. Strong pressure continues in SAERENTHAL area. Eny offered only slight resistance to advance of Inf N of PHILIPPSBOURG. Est Co attacking toward SARRENSBOURG (Q 7441) from N had gained no ground last night. Considerable movement reported in LEMBERG (Q 7345). At 1750A, AOP reported considerable eny movement of Inf and some T/D Arty in ROUTENHOUSE (Q 7942) area moving S and SW. PWs report entire 6 SS Mtn Div in area STURZELBRONN (Q 8950) - EGURISHARDT (Q 8146). This indicates three eny Divs in VOSGES drive. Possibility of 2 Pz Divs, 2 PG Divs, 1 Inf Div available to N. At 0425A, 500 reported some eny had infiltrated into REIPERTSWILLER, fire fights in town, situation under control. 500 fired on possible eny armor N of town at 0330A. MG fire reported to NW toward SIMENAU. PW captured by 313 Inf Regt said to expect an attack of Bn strength supported by tanks at REIPERTSWILLER between 0400 and 0500 today. At 0350, hvy eny pressure was reported on REIPERTSWILLER with some infiltration from S. main pressure at N. Eny road block supported by 2 Tks reported at HJ at 727399. of SAERENTHAL. During morning eny attacked vic GOETZERBRUCK (Q 7442) and S. KINSBERG (Q 7441). Eny thrusts S on roads vic ROHLERTS at Q 730378 and Q 74482. Eny pushing on REIPERTSWILLER from N vic Q 785374 and from N vic 804376. Eny resistance to N of PHILIPPSBOURG in area Q 8744. Some eny still in PHILIPPSBOURG. TF HUDELSON estimates they put 2000 eny out of action.

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1. IS ARMY - fighting reported between THADIN and THFF (P 58757).
2. IS ARMY at [illegible] Inf and Drs. Eng C/P reported
3. IS ARMY blowing up some more dams in
4. IS ARMY (1 of THADIN) (1 of THFF)

A. 100% NO OUT LINES

3. There are four grades of English speakers among the "Japs" personnel - Group I is the best. The German officer is usually Group II. He explains why he is a Group II and not a Group I American officer. The best speaker sits up as an officer and sits beside the driver. The German Officer sits (usually) on the left side of the vehicle, but not in the ear of the German soldier sitting beside of our officers. The grade of the speaker (usually Group II) or (I) is always the driver. Therefore, to buy a trip these "Japs" must ask his driver for his trip ticket, and when the driver says questions he will have to answer.

5. Jeep markings already identified as authentic and by enemy personnel include VIII Corps, 8th Armored Div - but in most cases the markings are not clear. For some obscure reason, the number of the jeep (on the right hand side) is sometimes a code, possibly for Germans and is usually half obliterated with mud.

7. It must not be forgotten that these "Jeep Parties" are heavily armed & that the men realize that they are on a desperate mission. Keep all suspicious Japs and their occupants well covered while inspecting credentials.

8. It is reported that some members of the "Deep Parties" have now exchanged their 1/4-ton for 3/4-ton trucks.

9. Greater security of all vehicles and keys is now under full study. Installation is required. These jeeps are now operated on gasoline they are obtaining from US Army sources. The "Jeep Party" was captured recently at an Ordnance maintenance unit where they took the vehicles for records. (Ref 234) (Ref 235)



b. Pts during period - - - - - 127
Pts to date - - - - - 571*

* Total to date includes 12 Pts enclosed to Army cage at SCHNEIDHAUSEN on 20 Dec 44 without interim report or record due to turning of U.S. cage on that date.

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ANDEX MAP OF INTELLIGENCE SUPPLY NO. 29

RECAPSHEET

Map Sheet 6810.

G.S.M. 6810 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000. Sheets 6810, 6811.
G.S.M. 6811 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6811 - 13 - 1 & 2.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD DEFENSES.

1. 799500 Fortified four light FA in hedge by woods.
2. 81705700 Major 4-gun light FA battery here.

B. FIELD DEFENSES.

1. 791572 Shelter under construction.
2. 808577 Eight weapon pits.
3. 797588) Shelters; contains purple information on Defense Overprint.
798587)
4. 795586 & 796587 Shelters in woods at each M.
- 799594 Pillbox. (Confirms purple information on Defense Overprint.)

C. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 799500 Clear or olive area with centres of activity at 792585, 799500, 799586, 797588 & 795580. There are tracks at each of these points, very foot-tracks only.
2. 81705700 Fourteen vehicles moving SE on road, probably horse-drawn.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. OBSTACLES.

1. 816575 - 819500 Extension of previously reported wire.

B. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 804556 - 808586 Thirteen vehicles, possibly horse-drawn moving E on road between these points.

Map Sheet 6811 - 13 - 1 & 2.

A. OBSTACLES.

1. 879523 Roadblock of felled trees.

B. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 879532 - 880532 Possible fifteen vehicles stationary on secondary road. Snow in woods makes positive identification difficult.

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ORGANIZATION HQ 48 TANK BN.
FROM 040001 VAN-95
TO 092400 VAN 95
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TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
①			0153	captured rope indicate German objective in present attack, near Wirmenau, Liechtenburg.	
②			1143	Estimate 2 co's of 100 each near Wirmenau & Bn of 12 SS Regt on hill 785 354. Heavy pressure of Philipshaus. Enemy dug in at Reperiswille.	
③			1300	Location of CP 599293	
			1300	orders from CCA Bn or 3 town alert. In. Sch. drawn up, additional outposts duties stressed.	
④			1850	Enemy units located at 773382, 782382, 775365, 805310, 795385, 810379, 824371, 779355, 795375, 782352. Wirmenau to be surrounded.	
			1830	CO CO's meeting. In. Sch. issued to Co Comm & outposts were discussed against additional security.	
⑤			1855	Wirmenau in enemy hands but surrounded by our troops.	
			2000	outposts checked & guard found alert.	

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For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

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From: 040001 DEC
To: 042400 130
HQ 48 TK BN
RILUHEIM, FR.

No. _____

Maps: BOUYWILLER SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY (3 DEC)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY (3 DEC)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY (3 DEC)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

MAINTENANCE, CARE AND
CLEANING OF VEHICLES AND WEAPONS

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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3. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit In 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4(76)	2			
	M4(105)	3			
A Co	M4(75)	10	7		
	M4(76)	6			
	M4(105)	1			
B Co	M4(75)	7			
	M4(76)	9		7	
	M4(105)	1			
C Co	M4(75)	11		1	
	M4(76)	5			W/68
	M4(105)	1			
D Co	M5(37)	14	8	3	
TOTAL	M4(75)	28	1	1	
	M4(76)	22		1	
	M4(105) M5(37)	16 14	1 1	3	

4. TIRE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

NOTE: 5 TIRS, C.B. AT 7TH ARMY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Hq 14 AD
4 Jan 45

No. 20.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: No report.

b. Second French Army: Enemy reports statements from XV Corps troops indicate use of drugs or stimulants by enemy--reports such as walking 4 abreast thru mine-fields and into our lines.

III Corps: Enemy attack continued near, Schwerpunkt position on front of Corps, 1000 ft on E flank. IF LIEDEN - Entirely quiet yesterday and last night. Civilian population of SWEINSDORF worried about withdrawal of military personnel--some evacuated. 20th Div - 12 SS Regt came out of road on road from NORTHERN (3037) to NORTHERN (2839) fired on by our 12th at 1:15 yesterday. No enemy activity last night. 15th Div - Attack continued on WILHELMSDORF--heaviest action in area. Town shelled heavily last night. Enemy on high ground to E, S and E of town. Snipers in town. At DAMBACH, considerable enemy movement heard during night--possibility of attack forcing up. WILHELMSDORF held by enemy--little activity. REIFENSWILDER--heavy pressure here. Enemy in N of town. Both 953 Regt and 12 SS Regt believed to be in area. 953 supposed to receive reinforcements from N. In or 12 SS Regt on hill overlooking WILHELMSDORF--some plans for 953 and 12 SS include capture of WILHELMSDORF and withdrawal of 12th ground SE REIFENSWILDER overlooking WILHELMSDORF. WILHELMSDORF under attack, progress in WILHELMSDORF. Estimated 100 enemy in WILHELMSDORF. At 10:00 P.M. firing on 4 Mx IIs approaching REIFENSWILDER from N.

VI Corps: Several enemy C/A reported from front. 100th Div - Enemy attack with Regt and 10 tanks on 1st 100th Div. Enemy penetrated some troops via 4-73497 (N of WILHELMSDORF). Enemy in rear along front of Div. Enemy resistance strong via WILHELMSDORF (4-73497). 100th Div - Hit by C/A sometime after midnight via WILHELMSDORF (4-73497). 100th Div - Small C/A by 100th enemy contained.

c. Third US Army:

III Corps: 26 Inf Div - 501st paratrooper. Enemy well dug in. Apparently a blackout on area. Something is breaking up there. Since SEINFELD drive started, our ground forces in that area have taken 20,000 Pz destroyed 400 tanks.

d. First US Army: Nothing new.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Marking on New French Aircraft: The following message received from Seventh Army is requested for your information and appropriate action: "The parallel white and black stripes, each 1/2 inch wide completely around fuselage and ending 18 inches from forward edge to tail plane will continue to be used on A-1 and on all aircraft new to 14th AF until all personnel become familiar with these aircraft."

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b. Movements. Decrease in RR movements indicate that enemy probably has completed shift of his major units in this area.

c. OB. 21 Pz Div believed N of BITCHE (4000 combat troops) (PW). 2d Mtn Div from Norway possibly this area but not identified. 11 Pz Div believed still 1st Army sector.

d. Weather: 5 Jan 45 - Overcast sky with few breaks; intermittent rain. Clouds 1,000 to 2,000 feet. Visibility 4 - 6 miles. Surface wind 5 - 10 mph; gusty. Min. temp. 32 degrees F.

e. PWs during Period ----- 12
PWs to Date ----- 983

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 30

SEVENTH ARMY PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6914, 6915, 7015.

Map Sheet 6914.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 311053 5 Possible two light FA guns.
2. 281353 7 A fourth gun has been added to this battery.

B. FIXED DEFENSE.

1. 287534 MG post and communication trench leading to previously reported shelter.

C. OBSTACLES.

1. 293170 & 293460 Roadblock at MRs by felled trees.

Map Sheet 6915.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 382508 This heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
2. 386104 Three AA/MGs.

B. FIXED DEFENSE.

1. 354181 - 355483 - 357482 - 357480 Communication trench.
2. 410183 Trench and MG post.
3. 381181 Pillbox.
4. 336106 339503 & 341504 Trenches in woods at each MR.
5. 383455 Fire trench extended to woods.
6. 382452 Fire trench extended to road.
7. 382446 - 372448 Fire trench along road in wood.
8. 374449 Shelter.
9. 376151 Fire trench along edge of wood.
10. 377148 - 369446 Fire trench along edge of wood.
11. 357464 - 352463 Fire trench.
12. 344467 Strongpoint.
13. 332463 Trench extended across road.
14. 329458 & 328461 Pillboxes at each MR.
15. 331458 Shelter.

C. OBSTACLES.

1. 370133 Road barricaded with logs.
2. 366453 A/Tk ditch across road, 12' across top.
3. 357463 A/Tk ditch across road. Bridge 15' wide on road, over bridge intact.
4. 329456 A/Tk ditch extended across road.

D. HUTS, BARRACKS AND DUMPS.

1. 380804 Ten huts under the trees.

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Map Sheet 7015.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 38819370 5-gun light field battery.
2. 40983931 Unoccupied 4-gun light field battery, possibly still under construction.
3. 40213913 Unoccupied 3-gun light field position.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 399387 & 389380 Three AA/MG positions at each RR.
2. 362365 & 361360 Three AA/MG positions at each RR.
3. 3998361 Unoccupied 4-gun heavy AA position.

C. FIELD DEFENSES.

1. 355355 Concrete.
2. 332359 Pillbox.
3. 359363 Shelter.
4. 332359 - 341364 Fire trench to woods.
5. 355359 Pillbox.
6. 36683563, 36683560 & 36643555 Pillboxes at each RR.
7. 36893551 Shelter.
8. 348351 Pillbox.
9. 36213696 Pillbox.
10. 352393 Pillbox.

D. OBSTACLES.

1. 35483944 Partial roadblock of concrete; gap approximately 10'.

E. HUTS, BARRACKS AND DUGS.

1. 381375 Stores dump on East side of WUMERSHEIM.

Map Sheet 6915.

- 41054885 Road and RR over-pass over road (in Western approach to WUMERSHEIM-KARSDORF road and rail bridge) demolished.
- 1) Road over-pass - blown gap 100'. By-pass in use at side.
 - 2) RR over-pass - blown gap 70'. Debris from both road and RR over-pass remain in road below. Although the NORTH-KARSDORF BRIDGE does not appear damaged the RR line crossing it is rendered unserviceable by above demolished over-pass.

Confirms purple information on Defence Overprint.

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HQ. 48th TKBAL.

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		①	1245	Magfr. C. C. A - Situation report of my infiltrating across Rhine.	

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From: 050001 JAN
To: 052400 JAN

HQ 48 TK BN
RIEDHEIM, FR

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Maps: BOUYWILLER SHEET, SCALE 1:50000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY (3 DEC)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY (3 DEC)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY (3 DEC)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE

HQ 48 TK BN, 4 JAN 45

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4 (76)				
	M4 (105)				
A Co	M4 (75)				
	M4 (76)				
	M4 (105)				
B Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	9		1	
	M4 (105)	1			
C Co	M4 (75)	11		1	W/68
	M4 (76)	5			1/21 Repair
	M4 (105)	1			Drill
D Co	M5 (37)	15		3	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	28	1	1	
	M4 (76)	22		1	
	M4 (105)	6			
	M4 (37)	15		3	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

5 MED TRS, Co B, AT 7TH ARMY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 31.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Report enemy pressure in KAYSERSBERG area.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Generally no change yesterday. 79th Div - Increasing activity (form of patrols) along front. Hvy concentration arty front of center of front lines (which indicates they don't know where we are). Total of 19 bridges blown along 79th front by 79 Div. Strong enemy patrols crossed RHINE (probably last night) between KILSTETT and DRUSENHEIM. Most activity in KILSTETT area of patrols up to strength of 50 men. Engr patrol ambushed at Rk station N of KILSTETT. PFI reports our troops surrounded in GARSHEIM. 45th Div - 117 Cav reported "screaming meemies" falling vic MEISENTHAL at 1915. Yesterday afternoon, enemy action in PHILIPPSBOURG -- BAERENTHAL consisted of strong patrols and intense mortar and Arty fire on forward elms. Some decrease in enemy pressure in REIPERTSWILLER -- WILDENRUTH area. Attack N from WIN ENAU -- WINGEN road met S/A, mortar and IG fire on forward elms. Arty fire light. Enemy activity increased in DAMEBACH area where 4 Tks and 20mm gun fired on our troops. Enemy activity this area still going on. Tracked vehicles heard N of LEMBACH (R - 0445) at 0030A. 10 rds tank fire fell vic WINDSTEIN (Q 9543) at 2400A and red flare dropped by plane same vicinity same time. PHILIPPSBOURG -- BAERENTHAL area -- enemy activity mostly patrolling during night and morning. Principal enemy activity in REIPERTSWILLER area. Bulk of 361 Div believed in that area. Some infiltration to N of REIPERTSWILLER. Enemy still digging in N of REIPERTSWILLER. Enemy remained in WINGEN throughout period. In SARREINSBACH area, enemy is using US Armored Cars and assault guns. AC's reported 300 enemy withdrawing to N of PHILIPPSBOURG at Q 8845 and 30 - 40 enemy to NE toward EQUELSHART at 8145.

XV Corps: Enemy continued probing along entire front, main effort in push toward ACHEN. 106 Cav Gp - No change. 103 Div - No report. 44th Div - Enemy forced our troops out of GROS REDERSCHING for the 3rd time. Enemy infiltrated to ACHEN, were pushed out of town. A few scattered enemy hold KAGINOT ponds outside of town. 100th Div - Light pressure along front of Div. One small counterattack.

c. Third US Army: Enemy seems more and more determined to contain BASTOGNE pocket. Almost continuous series of counterattacks. 2, 16 & 150 Pz still around nose of salient.

III Corps: 26th Div - Receiving heavy resistance to attack. 35th Div - Very heavy resistance. 6th Armd Div - Bitter resistance.

VIII Corps: 101 A/B Div - Strong counterattack vic LONGCHAMPS (P 5363).

XII Corps: No change.

XX Corps: No change.

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d. First US Army:

V Corps: Patrols along entire front met very light resistance. 1st Div received counterattack at noon -- results unreported.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Infiltration. According to PW captured by the 28th US Inf Div, the enemy is now devoting all his training to a new method of attack which the Germans have copied from the Russians. This attack calls for infiltration by enemy groups of less than platoon size during hours of darkness. This process may take from 3 to 4 days until the bulk of the enemy force has infiltrated to our MIA or well behind our lines. During the day, these small forces conceal themselves and, if apprehended, pass themselves off as an ordinary patrol. A short Artillery barrage precedes the enemy's actual assault which is supported by howitzer, bazooka and mortar fire. Enemy troops behind the lines disrupt all possible communication when the assault begins and move in on our forces. Enemy is convinced that his I-1 is superior to ours and that success will result from this type of attack as it will nullify our superiority in armor, Air and Artillery. (Source: VIII US Corps Periodic Report No. 167)

b. Enemy Units in VOSGES Drive.

361 VGD (originally held entire sector)
257 VGD (drove in from front of 100th Div)
256 VGD (withdrew thru SINGRIED line, refitted and received replacements -- spearheaded VOSGES attack)
6 SS Mtn Div (last month in Norway)
559 VGD (1 or 2 Bns probably)
21 Pz Div (?) (considerable employment of tanks)

c. Weather: 6 Jan 45 - Scattered snow showers and broken clouds throughout day. Visibility 6 - 8 miles reducing to 2 - 3 miles in snow. Wind from NW 8 - 12 m.p.h. Continued cold with minimum temperature 23 degrees F.

7 Jan 45 - Partly cloudy with scattered snow showers over high VOSGES. Visibility 6 - 8 miles lowering to 2 - 3 miles in scattered snow showers. Wind from NW 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 20 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period ----- 7
Total PWs to date ----- 990

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ORGANIZATION HQ 48 TANK BN

FROM 060001 JAN 45

TO 062400 JAN 45

PLACE REIDHEIM, FRANCE

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|---------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 01012
1830 | CO CCA called at 12th 14th.
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| | | | 1900 | order from CCA that plan
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about. Bin party called to CCA | |
| | | | 2330 | Dr closed cp at Reidenheim. | |

5 - 3 REP ORT

H/O. 48 TIC BN
REIDSHEIM, FR

No.

Map: BOUXWILLER SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

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- ## REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE

4 JAN. 45

- EXCELLENT

- ## 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

over

2. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| HQ | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| A Co | M4(75) | 10 | 1 | | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| B Co | M4(75) | 7 | | | |
| | M4(76) | 10 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| C Co | M4(75) | 11 | | 1 | W/68 |
| | M4(76) | 5 | | | 1 Tr Dozer |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| D Co | M5(37) | 17 | | 1 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 28 77 | 1 | 1 | |
| | M4(76) | 23 88 | | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | 6 7 | | | |
| | M5(37) | 17 77 | | 1 | |

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

NOTE: 5 TRS Co B at 7th Army Driving school.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

2. THEORY OF THE CASE

2. 0100Z 10/04/68: Considerable enemy activity reported along the bank of the KASSI. Movement of tanks and M/T was observed in that area. An enemy patrol was reported to be in the EASTERN (4-9480) area.

b. Seventh US Army:

17. (Cont): No change reported in enemy situation. 79th Div - An estimated battalion of enemy troops crossed the RHINE early yesterday morning in the GILBERTHOF (R-1110) - OFFENDORF (R-1312) area and attempted to push out to the W. The enemy succeeded in occupying GAMBHORN (R-1110) and OFFENDORF (R-1312) and surrounded the towns of HERRLISHEIM (R-1214) and STALLART (R-1215) during the period. At 1350A enemy tanks were reported approaching the bridge at (R-1304) S of ROHRWILLER. The bridge was blown in front of them by our troops. Strong enemy patrols pushing down from the WISSELBOURG area were contacted at GIESSBOURG (R-1144) and STUNDWILLER (R-1236) early this morning. 18. Day - The enemy continued his infiltration attempts and at 2600A last night some enemy had infiltrated to the IMPERTSWILLER (Q-6037) - KUTTENBACH (Q-6050) - OFFENDORF (Q-6038) road and was engaged in sniping at vehicles moving along this road. At 1500A yesterday PILLERSBOURG (Q-3742) was reported captured by enemy. Considerable vehicular movement was heard between WITTENHOFEN (Q-9145) and KATZBACH (Q-9244) at 0210A this morning. Direction of movement not determined. LIEPENSBERG (Q-3735) received some heavy arty fire at 0400A this morning. Light harassing enemy arty fire fell in JIPPENAU (Q-7634) at 0400A.

4. Colmar: Heavy enemy motor traffic was reported moving SE to SAIL-
BOURG (4-215). A lessening of enemy pressure was reported along the Colmar
front. 44th Div - Enemy C/A on the right flank supported by 8 enemy tanks
was reported yesterday. 100th Div - Enemy activity generally quiet along the
front. Some strong and heavy enemy arty fire fell on the Div sector during the
period.

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in the WILHELM (Q-7634) area. According to PW reports the 12 SS Regt, part of the 6 SS Mtn Div, has 19 companies with a combat strength of 50 to 60 men each. The infantry elements of the 6th SS Mtn Div consists of the 11th and 12th SS regiments. The 11th SS Regt has not been identified in this area. The 506 SS En Mtz is operating with this Div, probably as its Ren element.

b. This is the Enemy. Interrogation 22 Dec by IPW team No. 42, 36th US Inf Div, revealed the following atrocity committed in the Division zone. On 18 December, the Engineer platoon of the 1st Ren Bn of 1 SS Div was enroute to attack the town of STAVELOT. Before passing through the town of PARPONDUR (K-7000) the members of the platoon were ordered and instructed by their platoon leader to do away with all civilians that came into their sight. It has been definitely ascertained that the military operations of the enemy were not hindered in any way by the civilians concerned. The Engineer Platoon then went to work and rounded up 20 civilians, two of them were women, and took them into a barn. The soldiers then shot them all down in cold blood. The barn was thereafter set afire in order to erase all incriminating evidence. The platoon then moved on to occupy their objectives.

Some of the members of the platoon taking part in the outrage were captured. They showed no concern at all over their deeds, and confessions have been easily obtained which were signed and sworn to properly. One man of the group testified that he had shot two Belgians who were about 45 or 50 years of age. Another testified that he saw an NCO walking off with two Belgians 19-22 years of age, to shoot them. The Belgians, when they realized what was up, tried to escape, and the PW states he shot them both. The platoon leader of this platoon, who was responsible for this outrage, has been wounded seriously, and is now receiving medical aid. All of the SSs are being forwarded to higher Hq for a trial for their crimes, and the punishment which their bestiality deserves.

Note: This information is corroborated by a civilian who had escaped and was previously interrogated by AII Team. (Source: 30th Div) (TUSA).

c. Telephone Taps. 32nd A/B Div reports that on the night of 22-23 Dec, the G-2 received a telephone call, purportedly from the G-2 of "DECATUR" that paratroopers were dropping a mile and a half away in the divisional area. G-2, G-3, and C/S of "DECATUR" when checked, said no such call had been made by them. With large numbers of enemy agents now operating behind our lines, all units should make it SOP to check back on reports and orders from unfamiliar sources. (VII Corps)

d. Weather: 7 Jan 45 - Light snow beginning in morning and continuing intermittently throughout most of day. Sky cloudy throughout day. Visibility one mile at dawn improving slightly to two to three miles during day. Wind westerly five to seven MPH. Slightly warmer with min temp 26 degrees F.

8 Jan 45 - Generally broken clouds with rain and snow showers during afternoon. Visibility three to five miles. Wind westerly eight to thirteen MPH. Min temp 27 degrees F.

Fertilization

9. Total PWS during Period 1-1-68 to 12-31-68 11
Total PWS to Date 11

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TR BN.

FROM 070001 JAN. 45

TO 072400 JAN. 45

PLACE SURBURG, FR.

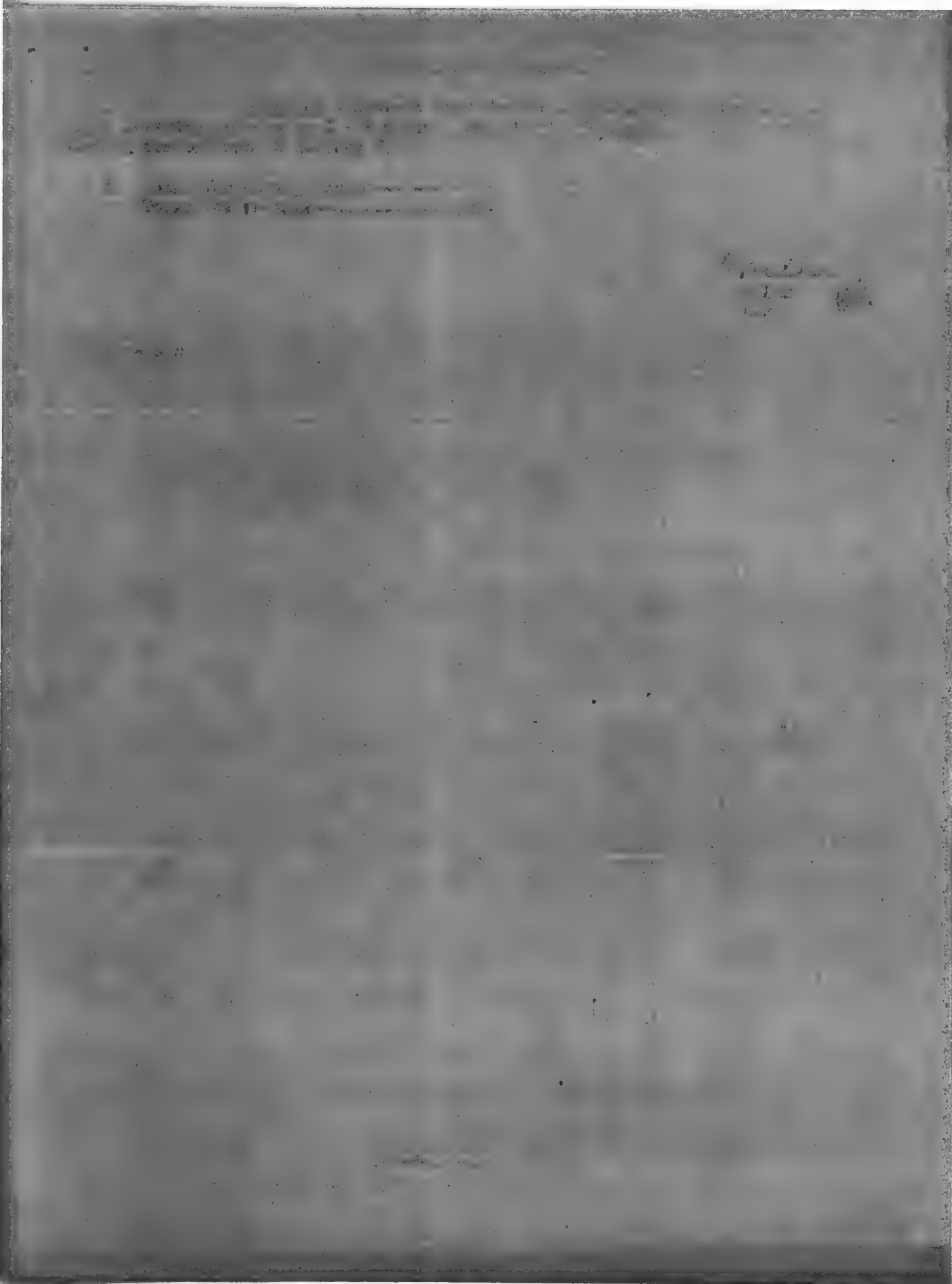
| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|------|------------|------------|--|------------------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0415 | C.P. opened at Surburg. | Msg to C.C.A. |
| | 0430 | | 0430 | Msg to all Co's & Detach. re-dispersion and camouflage of vehicles. | |
| C902 | | ① | 0855 | Msg ref. to enemy Tks at 168380 | Let map. |
| | | ② | 1055 | One M.F. Tks painted white at 106448 at 1000 | Let map. |
| | 1340 | | 1336 | Msg to Co. A - Prepare for imm movement - ref. to C.P. | |
| 1330 | | | | Oral msg from C.C.A. - A Co move to support 315. | Msg to C.C.A. FC sent. |
| | | | 1350 | Co. A. made out. | |
| | | | 1100 | A-68(-) 157 Plat & Ren resented to parent units. | |
| 1400 | | ③ | 1343 | Msg from C.C.A. - atch movement of CP's established by C-94. | |
| | 1525 | | 1525 | Msg to Co. B. Prepare 1 Plat of tanks for defensive fire on Ben. Line Surburg. | |
| | | ④ | | Sumit onculay of plan A.48 resents to 48 Co. Platoon withdrawn and assembled at Kuehlenburg. | |
| | | ⑤ | | Be prepared to move out on short notice. | |

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For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

S - 3 REF ORT

From: 070001 JAN. 45
To: 072400 JAN. 45

HQ. 48TH BN.
SURBURG, FR.

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU SHEET, SCALE 1:50000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

BN MOVED NIGHT OF 6 JAN 45 TO
SURBURG, FR. CLOSING AREA AT 0415.
INITIATED REN TO EAST IN PREPARATION
FOR ATTACK. A-68 TO CCA RES. 2094
REVERTED TO TROOP CONTROL. A-48 DETACHED
ON CCA MISSION TO N.E.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

REN SUCCESSFUL. NO REPORT ON
OPERATIONS A-48.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| A Co | M4 (75) | 10 | 1 | | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| B Co | M4 (75) | 7 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 10 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| C Co | M4 (75) | 12 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 5 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| D Co | M5 (37) | 16 | | 1 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 29 | 1 | | |
| | M4 (76) | 23 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 6 | | | |
| | M5 (37) | 16 | | 1 | |

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

Note: To be submitted in single copy.

7 December 1944

TO: Rcn Plt 94th & Off from 48th

Mission:

To make a rapid reconnaissance to locate ground for a holding force, composed principally of infantry and artillery and for tank attack action through the holding force.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

1. Location of friendly troops
2. Use of terrain for armor
3. Road and route reconnaissance

LIMIT OF RECONNAISSANCE

EW line through Surbourg to about 2 miles N of Soultz
Return with the above information to this CP prior to 0900

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. Friendly Infantry reported screening to our N.
2. Friendly Troops reported to be holding Maginot Line in this area.

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1st Lt., S-2

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TR BN.
FROM 080001 JAN. 45
TO 082400 JAN. 45
PLACE SURBOURG, F.R.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|---|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0815 | Co. C.O. meeting at 1st Co. | |
| | | | 1030 | Order for 1st Co. to be sent to G.B.C. 1048106 | |
| | | | 1030 | Ordering attack to F (Para 48) | |
| | | | | sent to G.B.D. 48 | |
| | | | 1445 | Order for Ren to report w/o delay to Hq 22nd Inf. Daily msg included. | |
| | | | 1800 | Results Ren sent to CCA | |

(To be submitted to Hq CCA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

S - 3 REP ORT

From: 080001 JAN.
To: 082400 JAN.

HQ. 48TK BN.

SURBOURG, FR.

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

REN INITIATED FOR AREAS FOR
COUNTERATTACK TO N. NE & SE.
OVERLAY SUBMITTED SEPARATELY.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

REN SUCCESSFUL.

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88. TANK AND TDD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs. | Fit over 24 hours | |
| HQ | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| A Co | M4 (75) | 8 | 1 | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| B Co | M4 (75) | 7 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 10 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| C Co | M4 (75) | 12 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 5 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| D Co | M5 (37) | 16 | | 1 | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 27 | 1 | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 23 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (37) | 16 | | 1 | |

VEHICLE REPAIRMENTS RECEIVED:

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Hq 14 AD
8 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 24.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

2nd French Corps: Enemy attacked to the N in the 1st DIM sector at 0900A yesterday with 2 - 3 Bns of Inf and 30 armored vehicles including 2 Tiger tanks. Enemy occupied WITTERNHEIM (V-9068) and FRIESENHEIM (V-9567) and reached KRAFF (V-9780). We still hold bridge at KRAFF. Identified: 198 Fus Bn of 198 Inf Div and 106 Pz Brig.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: 10 enemy tanks were reported destroyed or disabled yesterday in corps sector. 79th Div - Considerable activity CLEEBURG (R-1144) area, 5 enemy counterattacks were repulsed in the STUNDWILLER (R-1836) area with 15 tanks supporting - 5 destroyed (4K V and VI). Some enemy wearing white (reversible capes). Arty fire believed coming from the 155th Pz arty Regt, supporting the 21st Pz Div fell in the Div sector yesterday at 1700A. Heavy enemy vehicular traffic reported moving from STUNDWILLER (R-1836) to BUHL (R-2035) at 2045A last night. Enemy counterattack NE of HOFFEN (R-1536) broken up by arty. In Rhine Bridgehead enemy opposed stubborn effort of French to take GAMESHEIM (R-1110). French reached BETTENHOFFEN (R-1009), withdrew to KILSTETT (R-0808) and took 60 PW's. Quite a few enemy SP's operating this area. Enemy counterattack yesterday afternoon against DRUSENHEIM (R-1518) with infantry and 10 tanks, against HONNWEILER (R-1217) with infantry and 5 tanks. In DRUSENHEIM action we knocked out 5 enemy tanks. Considerable enemy vehicular movement reported after dark last night in DRUSENHEIM-GAMESHEIM area. Arty fell in BISCHWILLER (R-0818) last night and more 280mm in HAGUENAU (R-0424) believed coming from across river to NE (35 mile range). Captured document shows bridgehead attack under control of General VONDERBACH, CG XIV Corps, and indicates attack by 405 and 553 Divs. (405 units manned Rhine defenses. 553 was destroyed and has been reforming E of Rhine). 45th Div - WINGEN (Q-7335) was reported cleared of enemy at 1800A yesterday. 63 PW's taken, 100 wounded enemy evacuated. Remainder of enemy withdrawn to the N and contacted rear of 180th Inf. Fighting continues in LICHTENBERG (Q-8135) area. Strong pressure continues from LICHTENBERG to west. 300 rounds arty fell in WILDENGUTH (Q-7837). 4 enemy tanks reported in DAMBACH (Q-9244). PHILIPPSBOURG (Q-8742) - BAERENTHAL (Q-8442) area situation unchanged.

XV Corps: Very little enemy activity except in the 100 Div sector where the enemy counterattacked in the RIMLING (Q-6555) area this morning supported by tanks. At 1130 4 to 6 enemy tanks were between RIMLING and GUISING (Q-6552).

44th Div - Stiff enemy resistance being encountered on 114th Inf front vic SARRE-QUEMINES.

c. Third US Army:

XII Corps: Moderate resistance encountered in the zone of the 80th Div.

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

III Corps: Heavy resistance reported in the 35th Inf Div sector.

III Corps: Enemy offering stiff resistance in the wooded area 6 miles E of ST. SUPERT.

4. First US Army: No information.

2. RELLANOUS.

a. Enemy Agents in F. F. I. Uniform. From a reliable source it has been learned that the Germans, knowing that road control is practically non-existent in France, have the intention of having their agents operate as F. F. I. members. They would requisition (or take over) automobiles marked "F.F.I." thus being able to travel about without disclosing their movements. (Source: Agent Report).

b. Employment of Snipers.

Battle Group HEITHANN consisted of BG WYROWSKI and BG MEYER

Both Battle Groups were organized in the following manner independently:

- 1st Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
- 2nd Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
- 3rd Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
- 4th Co - 4 platoons (2 H&G platoons, 2 Mortar platoons)
- 5th Co - (An Hq Co) 4 platoons (1 AT Platoon, 2 IG Platoons, 1 Hq Platoon)

Each company consisted of about 100 men and each company (with the exception of the 5th Co) had 18 - 20 well trained snipers, each with a telescopic sight on his rifle in addition to a pair of field glasses.

In nearly all cases the snipers work in pairs. In each squad, in this unit (BG WYROWSKI) there were usually two and sometimes three snipers per squad. The squad leader advised the sniper of a certain enemy position which he wanted wiped out and then it was entirely up to the sniper to select the method of approach. The snipers in this unit were trained in a special school for snipers which is held at HEIDELBERG. Each sniper had a "ABSCHUSS BUCH", a book in which all successful shots are recorded and each one of these recordings must be witnessed by the sniper's companion or someone else who observed the action. These men are entitled to special privileges as far as rations are concerned. Their decorations are based on the records in the book. Among the 150-160 snipers in this unit it is claimed that about 10% had about 100 successful shots to their credit and about 20% had 50 or more successes. This unit is made up of old soldiers and to a great extent of idealists who still believe in a German victory, therefore morale can be considered very good. (Source: PW Statements 31 December 1944.)

c. Minefields. One of the enemy's tricks is to throw small pieces of metal in his minefields. This not only tires the lifting party but also tends to make them careless. This practice may be expected in minefields containing SHU-MINES. (Source: Sp Int Bul #199, ETOUSA).

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d. Enemy Attack Tactics. (Extract from directive on tactics issued by the Commanding General, 5th Panzer Army, 30 November 1944).

When you make contact with the enemy, push ahead immediately, that is quickly and brutally with every ounce of energy. Do not hit on the hands but between the eyes. Form definite strongpoints, not so much by concentrations of troops, but by determined concentration of all available weapons. In attacking, infantry and armored units still do not spread out sufficiently. Advance where the terrain is most suitable. Under those conditions, intervals between platoons, companies, etc., are not disadvantageous. On the contrary, they are desirable, because they force the enemy to scatter his fire. The tank company also must spread out. The range of the cannon facilitates this. If we spread out, it is frequently possible to force parts of the enemy unit to fall back, especially when we catch them before they have completed their defense preparations. (Source: 3rd U.S. Army, G-2 Periodic Report No. 200 - 28 Dec 1944).

e. Civilian Sentiment. A survey of the Saverne area showed that in Saverne and the district south of it the proportion of the pro-French to pro-German is about four to one, while to the north and near the German border this proportion is reversed.

f. Security of Information. A prisoner stated that German intelligence obtains most of its information by monitoring Allied radio communications. Prisoner claimed that his division G-2 is in possession of almost all codes used by the Allies.

g. Weather: 9 Jan 45 - Intermittent snow showers in afternoon, broken sky. Ceiling 3000 feet. Wind W 15 - 20 mph. Min. temp. 18 degrees F.

10 Jan 45 - Clear at dawn, increasing cloudiness afternoon and night. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn improving to 3 - 4 miles by noon. Light northwesterly winds. Continued cool with min. temp 15 degrees F.

h. Total PWs during period --- 0
Total PWs to Date ----- 1009

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DET: A & B.

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ORGANIZATION

HQ 48 TR Bn.

FROM

090001 JAN 45

TO

092400 JAN 45

PLACE

SURBOURG, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|------|------------|------------|---|---------------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0555 | Call from C.O. CCA. Alert Co A | Msg to Co A. |
| | | | 0600 | C.O. & Sq B. to TF Hq for further orders. | Sq B. to Co A. |
| | | | 0630 | Bn alerted to be ready to move on 1 1/2 hrs notice. | |
| | | | 0930 | En. tanks located at 198338 | TD's alerted. |
| | | | 1300 | Msg from C.O.A (Maj Gen.) to consolidate TF England for Gen. A-68, B-48, Ren 48, 10-48 | |
| | | | 1340 | A Co. attached to 315 Inf. Any captured or abandoned American equipment is to be sent to C.O.A. | |
| | | | 1405 | Bn alerted. C.O. & Sq off to C.O.A. | Phone to all Co's. |
| | | | 1428 | Co. C.O.'s called to P.T. FD. issued. Must to readiness by day. | |
| | | | 1448 | P.T. closes at 1400 hours. | |
| | | | 1448 | At 1400 hours in readiness. | |
| | | | 1455 | Msg from Denmark 6-14-45. Not on tanks. To all Co's. | To all Co's. radio. |
| 1601 | | | 1550 | P.T. closed in area - location 175334. | To TF Wall " CCA |
| 1450 | 1450 | | 1347 | Op report 16 MTD Tanks 9 Pers carriers, 8 H/T at 180374 moving toward Hatten 1315. | |
| | | | 1612 | Send helio jeep here. | |
| 1615 | | | 1802 | arty concentration requested | |

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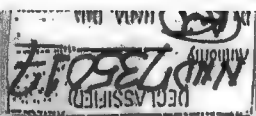
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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
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| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 1836 | | ④ | 1834. | Right platoon firing on column entering station | |
| 1853 | | ⑤ | 1851 | Positions of Co. Co. Platoon | |
| 1940 | | ⑥ | 2999 | Positions of Co. Co. Platoon | |
| | | | 2230 | orders for movement back to firing position | |
| | | | 2340 | Be closed in firing area. | Msg to CCA. |



(To be submitted to Hq CCA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

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From: 090001 JAN. 45

To: 092400 JAN. 45

HQ. 48 TR BN.

NIEDERBETS DORF. FR.

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU SHEET : SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

ACQ MOVED TO SUPPORT 315 INF AT 0630
AND 1340. 315 INF BN
ALERTED AND MOVED FROM SORBOURG TO
NIEDERBETS DORF - RITTERSHOFFEN - CLOSING
AT 1550. CO A & C COMMITTED ON
HATTEN.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. 6 ENEMY
TANKS DESTROYED BY CO A.

- over -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | 10 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | M4 (75) | 7 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 10 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 12 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 5 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M5 (37) | 16 | | 1 | |
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| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 29 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (76) | 23 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 6 | | | |
| | M5 (37) | 16 | | 1 | |

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

Note: To be submitted in single copy.



HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

9 January 1945

ACTIVITIES 48TH TANK BATTALION, 9 JANUARY 1945

A-48 moved to vic Rittershofen at 0930, with mission of assisting 42nd Infantry to straighten lines, was relieved of mission at 1030 and returned to Kuhlendorf. It was sent back on same mission at 1330. Company Commander and S-3 contacted Battalion Commander of 42nd Infantry in Hatten at 1400 to arrange for assistance. Unknown number of tanks were reported at that time to be flanking town to south and personnel carriers and tanks flanking on north. A-48 began arriving in assembly area east of Rittershofen at 1415. At approximately 1420 1st platoon went into position on south flank east of Rittershofen to counter threat of Nazi southern envelopment, took the tanks under fire destroying and burning five of medium size. One platoon went into position on south flank west of Rittershofen and third platoon on north flank east of Rittershofen. Situation then was stable for 48th until 1700. At 1600 48th Battalion Commander contacted Regimental Commander 42nd Infantry and a coordinated attack was arranged with one platoon of tanks and one platoon of infantry attacking to east on either side of Hatten. Attack jumped off at 1710. Attack on north side of Hatten met little opposition, reached its objective by 1830. Attack on south side encountered some resistance, knocked out one tank, one personnel carrier and one staff car, reaching its objective by approximately 1845.

Relief of A-48 was arranged at 2030 and began at approximately 2230, with a TD platoon and an infantry company outposting each side of Hatten and tying in with 42nd Infantry in Hatten.

48th -(A) moved approximately 1430 to Niederbetschdorf in reserve, moved back to former position, Bn Hq & Hq Co, B-48, D-48, to Surbourg; C-48 to Soultz where it reverted to 68th AIB control.

Plans were drawn up for tank, infantry attack at daylight to establish MLR east of Hatten using A-48 south of Hatten and two companies infantry north of Hatten.

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48 TANK BN
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U S ARMY

9 JAN 45

DAILY S-2 REPORT
TO S-2 CCA

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| NUMBER OF PRISONERS TAKEN | 0 |
| Estimated # of enemy Killed | 25 |
| " " " " Wounded | 0 |
| Number of German tank destroyed | 6 |

Report as of 1830 9 JAN 45

V.S. Greenbaum
1st Lt.
S-2

Hq 14 AD
9 Jan 45INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 35.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army - Ey attack to N has not made too much progress. Principal activity at SAND where the 14 Ey Tks that were stopped at KRAFT came back and attacked SAND. AOP says there is a bridge across the river E of ERSTEIN. (Unconfirmed and doubtful)

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Two ME 262's (jet propelled) reported over Corps area yesterday. Strafing reported in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and bombing reported vic INGWILLER (Q-8130). 79th Div - (Bridgehead area) Ey stubbornly and successfully opposed all our attempts to build a bridge at ROHRWILLER (R-1217) with small attacks between MAUSENHEIM (R-1518) and ROHRWILLER. No armor seen in this area yesterday. Estimated ey strength 800 to 1000. Ey resumed the attack yesterday against our positions in the MAGNOT line vic. HOFFEN (R-1536) and were stopped short of the MLR. An attack in the same area this morning was likewise repulsed. 21st Pz Div believed to have suffered heavy casualties in the STUNDWILLER (R-1336) area. All units of the 21st Pz Div have been identified except for the following: 22 Pz Regt (Tks operating in area probably from this Regt), 200 AT Bn, 200 Sig Bn, 200 Field Replacement Bn, 119 PGR, 35 PGR of the 25 PG Div identified vic R-1833 this morning. During the night, some 280mm shells landed in HAGUENAU and BISHWILLER. 45th Div - Generally no change in ey disposition or attitude. Considerable vehicular activity in PHILIPPSBOURG (Q-8742) -- DANBACH (Q-9244) area. REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8036) area little change. Several small counterattacks -- no gain. Some Arty fire. Harassing Arty fire received in town of INGWILLER (Q-8130) throughout the night.

XV Corps: Ey continues to attack on boundary between 100 and 44 Divs. One attack by two companies, one attack by 200 men and a third attack, strength unknown, each supported by 5 - 6 Tks made no gains. Ey still in RIDLING (Q-6555).

c. First and Third US Armies: - 9 SS Div moved from the northern flank of salient to BASTOGNE area. Ey pressure continues heavy throughout salient. In the extreme western nose of salient, the ey achieved a small gain against XXX British Corps.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.a. Order of Battle.

(1) 256 VGD received more than 2000 men reinforcements before attack on Jan 1. 80% of these were Air Corps personnel.

(2) PW from 476 VGR of 256 VGD claims to have seen (on/about Jan 1) 5 Tiger Tanks at LUDWIGSWINKEL (Q-9453), 5 - 6 SP guns & 15 - 20 tanks (believed

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Tigers) between Q-882473 and Q-878463, and 60 Tks spread out on road between BERGZAHN (R-1956) and DAHN (R-0261) facing W.
(NOTE: These tanks may belong to 21 Pz Div)

(3) PW from 353 Flame Throwing Co claims 17 SS PGD (100/44 US Inf Div sector) has tank flame throwing Co attached to it. The Co (#353) had 10 flame throwing tanks (Czech T 38 model) with a range of 50 yds. PW believes that this was an experimental unit and the only one of its kind in existence. It lost 6 of its tanks at GROS-RENDERCHING (Q-6252).

(4) The Corps in charge across the RHINE apparently is XIV SS Corps. XIV Army Corps is a Panzer Corps and is located in ITALY. SS Corps to date have been known up to XIII. The Cmr of XIV Corps is SS Obergruppenfuhrer Von Dem Bach.

(5) 36 Inf Div is now pulling out of XV Corps sector. This Div was refitted this summer, was in LUXEMBOURG from Sept to Nov, and in XV Corps sector since, where it participated in attack near WALHEIM (Q-6362) on 31 Dec. Might appear in VI Corps sector. Greater probability of 245 Inf Div appearing here.

b. Air Bursts. The following two extracts indicate in part that the enemy is very conscious of a new artillery weapon:

"Between 1730 and 1830 on 22 Dec two PWs from the 277th VG Div noticed that nine out of every ten artillery shells would burst at a height of about thirty feet. There were no ground bursts at all. Some of the men tried to find cover in their log covered foxholes, but even there shrapnel penetrated the logs, some of which were up to 12 inches thick. PWs said that an additional number of litter bearers were sent out the next morning to bring in the exceptionally high number of wounded and dead caused by air bursts. Other PWs gave particular stress on the accuracy of the Arty barrage laid on their position. They said that every yard was covered by shrapnel; no duds were found in the vicinity." (Source: V Corps Arty S-2 Bulletin)

"Germans think we are using a new type of shell. They describe it as an air burst. The results of these new shells on the German bodies and minds are very effective. One Co suffered 5 dead and 20 wounded after the explosion of only one of these air-bursting shells." (Source: First Army LPW Report) (VII Corps Arty)

c. Weather: 10 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken low clouds, no precipitation. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn improving to 6 miles after 1000A. Wind W 6 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 16 degrees F.

11 Jan 45 - Broken clouds with occasional overcast conditions and intermittent snow. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in snow, 5 - 7 miles elsewhere. Wind westerly 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 18 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period ----- 1
Total PWs to date ----- 1010

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 35.

SUNRISE, SUNSET TABLES

JANUARY 1945

1. This table is based upon STRASBOURG and all times mentioned are "M" time.
2. Daylight is approx one hour before sunrise, darkness one hour after sunset.

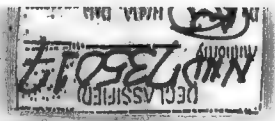
3. CORRECTION TABLE:

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| (1) EPINAL | -Plus 5 Minutes | (5) HAGUENAU | -Plus 1 Minute |
| (2) VESOUL | -Plus 5 Minutes | (6) MULHOUSE | -Minus 1 Minute |
| (3) SAARBRUCKEN | -Plus 5 Minutes | (7) KARLSRUHE | -Minus 2 Minutes |
| (4) SAVERNE | -Plus 2 Minutes | (8) STUTTGART | -Minus 5 Minutes |

| DATE | SUNRISE | SUNSET | MOONRISE | MOONSET | PHASE |
|-------|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------------|
| Jan 9 | 0819 | 1654 | 0315 | 1338 | Last Quarter |
| 10 | 0818 | 1655 | 0422 | 1401 | |
| 11 | 0818 | 1656 | 0528 | 1437 | |
| 12 | 0817 | 1658 | 0635 | 1521 | New Moon |
| 13 | 0817 | 1659 | 0737 | 1616 | |
| 14 | 0816 | 1701 | **** | **** | |
| 15 | 0815 | 1702 | 0917 | 1835 | First Quarter |
| 16 | 0815 | 1704 | 0955 | 1952 | |
| 17 | 0814 | 1705 | 1026 | 2111 | |
| 18 | 0813 | 1707 | 1054 | 2230 | |
| 19 | 0812 | 1708 | 1120 | 2347 | |
| 20 | 0811 | 1710 | 1144 | | |
| 21 | 0810 | 1711 | 1209 | 0104 | |
| 22 | 0809 | 1713 | 1237 | 0220 | |
| 23 | 0808 | 1714 | 1310 | 0335 | |
| 24 | 0807 | 1716 | 1348 | 0447 | |
| 25 | 0806 | 1717 | 1434 | 0553 | Full Moon |
| 26 | 0805 | 1718 | 1527 | 0653 | |
| 27 | 0804 | 1720 | 1627 | 0742 | |
| 28 | 0803 | 1722 | 1731 | 0823 | |
| 29 | 0802 | 1723 | 1829 | 0857 | |
| 30 | 0801 | 1725 | 1944 | 0920 | |
| 31 | 0759 | 1727 | 2047 | 0949 | |

**** Indicates that moon is too close to sun for observation.

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ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 35.

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810, 6811
G.S.G.S. 4414 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-13-1 & 2

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 74585064 This 6-gun light FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 715610 4-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. OBSTACLES.

1. 885559, 885565, 885575 - Trees felled across small gullies or foot-paths at each B.R.
885572, 893566 and 887564.

B. HUTMENTS, BARRACKS AND DUMPS.

1. 859664 Possible dump in wood. Two vehicles and fresh trackage are seen near a large shelter.

C. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 89156412 Of under construction, consisting of short trench connecting 2 excavations.
2. 88685715 - 89105776 Column of 8 vehicles moving S/W

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 1 & 2.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 95105284 Six medium F.A. battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1. 947530 Probable 2 gun light AA battery.

C. OBSTACLES.

1. 924539 Roadblock of felled trees, 175 yds long.

D. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 926541 & 921539 Military activity in woods. Possibly a bivouac area. Two vehicles present and some trackage.
2. 94855900 Heavy trackage and several vehicles parked around building in LUDWIGSWINKEL.
3. 95255278 Heavy trackage around small wooded area with bridge leading into woods.

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1. *Longitudinal* and *cross-sectional* studies

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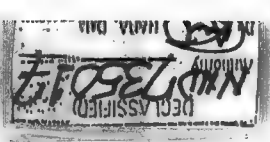
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PLACE

SURBOURG FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|---|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 0812 | | ① | 0810 | Co A. moved to attack to establish W.R. east of Hatten. | |
| | | ② | 0812 | En. counterattack north of Hatten - strength 200 by | Co B alerted 15 min. |
| | | | | Another en. counterattack by Inf south of Hatten. | |
| | | | 0915 | Bn C.O. to contact Inf C.O. at Rittershoffen. | |
| 0856 | | ③ | 0855 | Msg. unable to contact other units - a/c. | Inf. unable to contact other units - a/c. |
| 1039 | | ④ | 1037 | Inst. Seagull to dispose tanks same as yesterday. | |
| | | | 1110 | Bn C.P. closed at Surbourg. | |
| | | | 1110 | Bn C.P. opened in column. | |
| | | | 1126 | Bn C.P. in Niederbetschdorf. | |
| 1130 | | ⑤ | 1130 | Msg. from G. - Just knocked out tank at 17338 | Msg. to C.C.A. |
| 1145 | | ⑥ | 1142 | Still occupy same position. | Msg. to C.C.A. |
| | | | 1150 | Bn closed in ring area. | |
| 1240 | | | 1240 | Brief attack by either large cal Art or bombs in our present position. 2 killed and at least 3 wounded | To C.C.A. |
| 1240 | | | 1240 | Request sanding of road at hill SW Rittershoffen | To C.C.A. |
| 1245 | | | 1245 | German reported knocking position where we knocked out tanks yesterday. Small enemy Inf act via 164376 | To C.C.A. |
| 1315 | | ⑦ | 1325 | One en. T.K. plus Inf moving into town at point 600 705 | |
| 1 | | ⑧ | 1445 | Co. Cb point 37. Wilson moves to 34. Passes to control 48 | To C.O. 48 |



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| TIME | | SERIAL
NO. | TIME
DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION
TAKEN |
|------|------|---------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 1340 | | ⑧ | 1338 | Report information of enemy tanks
urgent in the clear & give number. | Msg to
CCA |
| | | | 1425 | Co B. moves out to his pos. | |
| | | | 1500 | Co B. in position. | |
| 1405 | | ⑨ | | Notes on map at once to 34,800
to control there. Employ it if necessary.
Particularly if enemy armor react on
to your attack should occur. | |
| 1605 | | ⑩ | | Report your present position. | |
| | | | 1627 | Forward elements at
17330 to 17430. No opposition
reported | To CCA |
| 1705 | | ⑪ | 1705 | Msg from Maj. L. G. - last contact
w/8. Co. | |
| | | ⑫ | | Request for fire mission. | |
| | 1700 | | 1700 | Act. Concentration on element
N of road 400 yds W of BO. This
placed AT fire on Co. S. of road
vic 173333. | To C. P. A. |
| 1650 | | ⑬ | 1648 | Request arty come on 178331 | To FO |
| 1653 | | ⑭ | 1650 | P. Co. leading element
west of BO. Last 1 Td. killed under
art. fire | |
| | | | 1725 | No tanks fire on Hatten | To 3 & 5. |
| | | ⑮ | 1627 | Request location of your
forward elements. | Msg to CCA. |
| | | ⑯ | 1730 | Msg from Co C. - Tanks have
not crossed BO. 2 Td. out. | |
| | | ⑰ | 1730 | Msg from 5 - See fire on NE
edge of town a Co. flank. | |
| | | ⑱ | 1743 | Another Td. with track trouble
What is disposition - Co C. | |
| | | | 2100 | Bo closed in area - location
C. P. same as last msg H. | |

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

10 January 1945

OPERATIONS OF 48TH TANK BATTALION ON 10 JAN 1945

A-48 was committed at 0830 from their position on east edge of Rittershoffen with mission of moving to east south of Hatten and capturing the terrain on either side of the road southeast of Hatten. Mission was changed shortly after the attack jumped off in order to counter threat of enemy attack to west north of Hatten. Bulk of A-48 moved to position northeast of Rittershoffen leaving remainder covering enemy southern approach. A-48 then assisted infantry in repelling attack of 200 infantry at 0830 reinforced at 0930 by 6 tanks. Number of infantry casualties inflicted is unknown, one tank was knocked out with one probable. A-48 remained in position until relieved at 1630.

At 1150 remainder of 48 closed in Niederbetschdorf area by order of higher headquarters. At 1500 B-48 had gone into battle position directly south of Rittershoffen. At 1530 C-48 had moved into battle position north and east of Rittershoffen.

At 1550 B-48 attacked to east through gap between Hatten and woods to south. Attack moved as planned until approximately 1645 when hostile fire from south edge of Hatten knocked out Company Commanders tank and communications on two platoon leaders tanks failed. Four tanks were hit by fire from Hatten and from direct east. Communications reestablished by 1730 and attack was resumed. Message received from higher headquarters directing withdrawal at 1735. Withdrawal accomplished with all tanks to Surbourg.

At 1600 C-48 attacked to east and north of Hatten with objective of seizing ground on either side of road to northeast of Hatten. Fire was received from north edge of Hatten at approximately 1700 disabling three tanks, and killing one tank commander. Six enemy tanks were definitely hit with AP ammunition which did not ricochet but extent of damage was not known. Unit was withdrawn beginning at 1730 to outpost position on east edge of Rittershoffen.

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From: 100001 JAN. 45
To: 102400 JAN. 45

SURBOUR6, FR.
HO. 48 TR Bn.

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Maps: HAGENAU SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

- OVER -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| | M4 (76) | 5 | | 1 | 1 |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | M4 (75) | 7 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | 4 | 4 |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 9 | | 3 | 3 |
| | M4 (76) | 5 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M5 (37) | 15 | | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 23 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| | M4 (76) | 18 | | 5 | 5 |
| | M4 (105) | | | | |
| | M5 (37) | 15 | | 1 | 1 |

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

Note: To be submitted in single copy.

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To C.O. 48th Tank Bn.

Subject: Recon roads

I made a recon of the road between Surbourg and Rittershosen for need of sampling to prevent slipping of tanks. It is my belief that tanks can travel the road referred to above but recommend that grinders be used. The hill immediately outside of Rittershosen may cause slipping if grinders are not used.

Charles M. Marshall
1st Lt. C.E.

0615

Patrols rt. flank hear
tank activity moving in on
Hatten.

3rd Bn. of Fuller reports it
2nd Bn. in Hatten reports it.
People on left flank report it.
~~Continuing.~~

0215 movement started
in front of Fuller Blue.

Col Schriber's Hq. 0630

Someone to advise

Montgomery talks to Storage 5
Storage 6

Notified by Biomark 2
at 0640.

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Enemy tanks in position
E of Hatten
2 E W rds. activity

Krants building bridge

activity Stenaville & Bull

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SURBOURG
10 JAN 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS -

1. 1st + 2nd Bns 242 INF W/DRAWN FROM PRESENT FRONT LINE POSNS. 2ND BN 242 INF REORGANIZE IN VIC. RITTERSHOFFEN BE PREP AS RECONSTITUTED RESERVE TO ASSIST 315 INF (-) RESTORE LINE E. OF HATTEN ON ORDER. BE PREP. TO REPEL C/A ON ORDER.
2. 2ND BN 315 INF SECURE PORTION OF HATTEN NOW HELD BY TROOPS. CONTINUE ATK DAYLIGHT TO CLEAR REM. HATTEN OF EY. + EST. DEF. LINE E HATTEN. BE PREP. REPEL C/A AGAINST HATTEN.
3. 3RD BN 315 INF REM. PRES. POSN OUTPOSTING RITTERSHOFFEN. BE PREP PRIOR DAYLIGHT 11 JAN W/ CO MED. TKS TO REPEL POSSIBLE C/A FR RT. OR L. HATTEN ON ORDER.
4. CN CO PROVIDE OBSRV. W/ EA BN. PREP W/ DEF. FIRES ON CALL.
5. AT 6 - ONE PLAT ATCHD EA BN PRES POSN. ONE PLAT W/ 3RD BN 313 INF PRES. POSN.
6. TKS - ONE CO MED TKS REMAIN W/ 3RD BN IN PRES. POSN PREP TO REPEL ARMD C/A.
7. TD's - ONE PLAT TD's SUPPT 2ND BN PRES. POSN AGAINST TK ATK.

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U.S. ARMY

10 JAN. 45

DAILY S-2 REPORT

TO: S-2 CCA.

ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED - 10

ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED - —

NO. ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED. 2

AS REPORTED TO ME AS OF 1800

U.S. Greenbaum
1st Lt.
S2

Major Studon
" England

No thanks five on seven of Hatten

Hq 14 AD
10 Jan 45INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 26.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army - Enemy push out of COLMAR pocket has somewhat subsided. Enemy are out of HERBSHEIM (9272) and ROSSFELD (9171). Yesterday's count - 50 PWs, 30 killed, 6 tanks destroyed.

b. Seventh US Army:

II Corps: No change on W flank with enemy generally quiet. Enemy active on E flank with heavy enemy pressure continuing. 79th Div (Bridgehead Area) - At 0130A enemy launched an attack by Inf supported by two SP guns vic ROHRVILLER (R-1317) -- attack lasted two hours and was driven back. By pressure consisting of Inf, Arty, 4-5 tanks, much SA fire prevented friendly Bn from withdrawing from HERRLSHEIM (R-1214). At 0600A Bn was reported surrounded. Estimated strength in bridgehead area -- 1500-2000 men, approximately 5 tanks, 8-10 SP guns. Elms of all three Regts of the 553 Div have been identified. Yesterday afternoon the Germans attempted to double envelop the town of HATTEN (R-1733) with an estimated tank Bn and Inf. 7 Mk IVs and one SP gun were knocked out in this engagement. At 1900A, one half of HATTEN had been retaken despite stiff enemy opposition. At 0600A one enemy tank and Inf still in E part of HATTEN. Heavy traffic including tracked vehicles reported between WISSENBOURG (R-1546) and NICOLSHEIM (R-1441). 45th Div - Between 2015A and 2045A, 200 rounds estimated 75mm and 105mm fell vic WILDENRUTH (Q-7837). Patrol reports unknown number of enemy in DAMBACH (Q-9244). By activity along BARNIMTHAL -- PHILIPPSBOURG road believed to be horse-drawn Arty. INCHLING (Q-8130) again received increasing Arty fire last night. One P-47 with German markings flew over BOUXWILLER and strafed over MULHAUSEN (Q-8631) flying SW, low altitude at 1300A. PWs state 3 Cos with a total estimated strength of 150 to 180 men dug in vic Q-795385.

IV Corps: Heavy pressure continues on the front of the 100th and 44th Divs. 100th Div - Stopped a German attack of approximately 2 Cos of Inf supported by tanks in the RIMLING (Q-6555) area. Attack penetrated 2 km. 36th Div - Enemy made a slight penetration in an attack yesterday but were thrown back by a counter-attack and original line restored.

c. First and Third US Armies: 1st, 2nd, and 12th SS Divs are out of contact. Very heavy resistance all along S flank of salient. XII Corps repulsed a counter-attack estimated enemy to be about 2 Bns and 20 tanks. 7 tanks knocked out and no ground lost.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.a. 2nd Armored and 2nd Panzer.

The meeting of the US 2nd Armored Division and the German 2nd Panzer Division was a fitting comparison of Allied and German armored might. Each was an

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able representative of the armored divisions of its army. For three days the engagement continued, involving hundreds of small battles. By 25 Dec the German onslaught began to falter, stopped and gradually withdrew, losing heavily in men and materiel. The following figures will give some idea of the destruction suffered by the 2nd Panzer Division during the period 23 Dec and 27 Dec. It is estimated the division strength just before this four-day period was approximately 8000 men and 100 tanks:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PWs taken..... | 1,050 |
| Estimated killed..... | 2,000-2,500 |
| Tanks destroyed..... | 52 |
| Tanks captured..... | 3 |
| Artillery pieces destroyed.... | 6 |
| Artillery pieces captured..... | 12 |
| AT guns destroyed..... | 8 |
| Assault guns destroyed..... | 4 |
| Assault guns captured..... | 1 |
| Vehicles destroyed..... | 121 (incl 30 armored vehicles) |
| Vehicles captured..... | 69 (incl 10 armored vehicles) |

(Source: 1st US Inf Div)

b. Enemy Methods.

The following slip was found in the Soldbuch of a prisoner from the 477 GR:

"If I am captured I may give only:

Name, Rank, Home address

If I say more, I break my oath as a soldier.
and am a dishonorable traitor to my country."

(Source: VI Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 146, 8 Jan 45)

c. Weather: 11 Jan 45 - Broken clouds with occasional overcast conditions and intermittent snow. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in snow, 5 - 7 miles elsewhere. Wind westerly 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 18 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period.....None
Total PWs to date.....1010

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DIST: A & B

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 36:

GERMAN MARK IV MEDIUM TANK

Weighing up to 24 tons in battle array, it is the standard German medium tank. Ten models are known to have been produced. All models utilize the same suspension arrangement of eight evenly spaced bogie wheels, 18½ inches in diameter, sprung in pairs on each side, with four return rollers. The chassis of this tank is used as a self-propelled mount for heavier guns, such as the "Hornet", the "Bear", and the "Grizzly Bear". All models except two carry the short-trailed 7.5 cm KwK gun, 24 calibers in length; models F and G specifications for which are given below, mount the experimental KwK 40, 43 calibers in length.

Weight.....24 tons
Length.....19 ft 4 ins.
Width.....9 ft 9 ins.
Height.....8 ft 6 ins.
Ground Clearance.....15 ins.
Width of track.....15 ins.
Fording depth.....3 ft.
Theoretical radius of action:
Roads.....130 miles
Cross-Country.....80 miles
Speed:
Road.....28 mph.
Cross-Country.....15 mph.
Armor:
Front plate (Incl superstruc-
ture and turret).50mm
Sides.....30mm
Armament:
2 - 7.92mm MG's 34 (1 Co-axial, 1 ball mount)
Ammunition.....7.5 cm gun - 87 rds
MG's - 2250 rds
Crew.....5

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HO. 48 Tr Bn.

FROM

110001 Jan. 45

TO

112400 Jan. 45.

PLACE

NIEDERBETS DORF, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | DATE | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------|--|-----------------------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0800 | Alert & services received from C.O.A. - typhoon | |
| | | | 0817 | Co. CO's report Lt. & men shot at by the foe and lost. | |
| 0831 | | ① | 0830 | Msg from Co. C. - receiving heavy enemy attack. Lt. & men knocked out. | To 3 & 5
TCCA |
| 0916 | | ② | 0915 | Report from Lt. & men in enemy lines. | |
| 0916 | | ③ | 0915 | Report from Lt. & men in enemy lines. enemy patrol very active. Lt. & men knocked out. | |
| | | | 1009 | Msg to CCA - Lt. & men in position B Co going to support C Co. A Co. taking up firing position where our Sgt. was ordered to dig in yesterday. | To CCA |
| 1022 | | ④ | 1020 | Recd C.P. requests information | Request sent to Sea gull C. |
| 1032 | | ⑤ | 1030 | Keep us informed of H5 | |
| 1032 | | ⑥ | 1030 | Notify C. Co friendly duty may fall to their rear | To Co C
1035 |
| 1100 | | ⑦ | 1036 | Msg from CCA - Lt. & men in position | To 3 & 5 |
| 1102 | | ⑧ | 1100 | Report from Sea gull | To CCA. |
| 1116 | | ⑨ | 1115 | Request from situation | |
| 1139 | | ⑩ | 1137 | Report from Lt. & men in position. Lt. & men have 15 dead & 10 wounded. Lt. & men in position. | Msg to Sea gull |
| 1142 | | ⑪ | 1140 | Request from CCA - Lt. & men in position | |
| | | ⑫ | 1155 | Report from Lt. & men in position. Lt. & men have 15 dead & 10 wounded. Lt. & men in position. | |
| | | ⑬ | 1200 | Report from Lt. & men in position. Lt. & men have 15 dead & 10 wounded. Lt. & men in position. | |

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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|---|-----------------------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 1722 | | (14) | 1220 | Have Sunday report to Fuller
CO of one. | |
| 1732 | | (15) | 1230 | Give me all info of tank reports that
Gunnars cut road W of R 154340.
Verify & inform us of enemy strength
& other details. | |
| 1722 | | (16) | 1220 | Location same as Coord given
for small arms fire. | |
| | | | 1348 | Msg to C.O. Our own man report
seven tanks moving in vicinity
of bridge. | |
| 1330 | | (17) | 1330 | By this is 158340. We have him
under observation. One other
tanks is reported to be moving
on road SE coming to meet.
Location of C.O. P. | To C.O.A. |
| 1317 | | (18) | 1317 | (Intercept) AT fire from
SE. Shouting at D Co from
S.E. | |
| | | (19) | 1325 | one T hit others taking
better cover. | |
| | | | | 7 by tanks reported in vicinity
of town - gain Inf. to off | To C.O.A. |
| | | (20) | 1355 | There is no report of Belmark
but hit with one - D Co. | Lead to
make
contact. |
| | | | 1600 | Report to C.O.A. of 8-10 by
tanks coming in from south
from Lt. Carroll. | |
| | | | | Tentative order received
from C.O.A. - to off. | |
| | | | | Friendly Tks & Inf attacking
behind Op. C. | To C.O.A. |
| | | (21) | 1650 | Msg. Say all. Receiving
some arty fire. No danger to
us yet. | |
| | | (22) | 1655 | Msg for Co D. Request for
medic prep. | |
| | | (23) | 1700 | Along the in sector being pinned
down by small arms fire.
Request part of A Co fire. | |

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PLACE _____

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 1701 | | (24) | 1700 | Dan's is sitting down/ | |
| | | | | city fire. Art. light. etc. | |
| | | | | in same position | |
| | | (25) | 1758 | Are there any further orders | |
| | | | | a/c- | |
| | | | 1805 | Orders received to pull Ba | 5.2 to |
| | | | | (- Co A) to Bethesda- | contact |
| 1835 | | (26) | 1820 | 2 En tanks in Rattler stopped | C.O. is |
| | | | | are moving west along | |
| | | | | main rd going into Bldg in | |
| | | | | west half of town | |
| | | (27) | 1845 | Msg from Co C - leave vehicle. | |
| | | (28) | 2245 | Msg from Nolan - Tks attacking | |
| | | | | 20 E. E. Kattler | |
| | | | 2300 | Attack order received from | |
| | | | | C.O. D. | |

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3 - 3 REP ORT

From: 110001 JAN
To: 112400 JAN 45

HD. 48TK BN
NIEDERSBETS DORF, FR.

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Good - Vis 300 YDS

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

See Journal

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

VS

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

- OVER -

8. TIME AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| A Co | M4(75) | 7 | 2 | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 5 | | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| B Co | M4(75) | 6- 8 | | 1 | 1 |
| | M4(76) | 6- 4 | | 4 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| C Co | M4(75) | 16 | | 6 | 3 |
| | M4(76) | 3 | | 2 | 2 |
| | M4(105) | | | 1 | 1 |
| D Co | M5(37) | 13 | | 3 | 1 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | | | | |
| | M4(76) | | | | |
| | M4(105) | | | | |
| | M5(37) | | | | |

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VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION

11 January 1945

FIELD ORDER: (Issued Orally)

1. a) Enemy occupies south edge Rittershoffen and unknown part of Hatten, probably has tanks or antitank guns at both places. He may also have antitank defenses south of Hatten.
b) Friendly troops hold west edge of Rittershoffen and unknown part of Hatten. Woods to south are partly occupied by friendly troops extent to east unknown
c) CCA atk at 0750 to assist in restoring main LR, 48 on right, 68 on left.
2. 48 attacks south edge Ritters at 0750,
LD, dug in position of B-68
Time: 0750
Direction: East
Initial obj: South edge Rittershofen and commanding ground on east edge, further obj later.
3. a) B-68 will initially take south edge Rittershoffen and consolidate east and south edge of Ritters with tanks and continue on order.
b) B-48 will move to positions south of RR and support advance of B-68 by fire, continue east on order.
c) C-48 will move to position on southwest edge of Rittershoffen behind B-68 to directly support B-68 by fire, then move to east edge of Rittershoffen, outposting position for protection to N and E
d) D-48 protect right flank and rear atk and obj when taken.
4. Hot breakfast where possible before daylight.
5. a) CP, southwest part Rittershoffen.
b) Current SOI in effect.

CAVIN

OFFICIAL:

STUDER

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Hq 14 AD
11 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 37:

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

I Corps - No change.

II Corps - Enemy attacks repulsed by 1st DMI. Bulk of enemy forces now seem to be contained in area S of ERSTEIN with nearest enemy about 3 miles from the town. Fighting continues in GAMBSHEIM.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - 79th Div - Heavy fighting continues on northern front with enemy putting up strong defense in eastern part of HATTEN (R1833) with infantry and tanks supported by arty fire. Enemy infantry and two tanks attacked RITTERS-HOFFEN (R-1533) at 0730A. Attack contained to eastern part of town in heavy fighting. Enemy digging in on ridge R159342--R172344. Friendly troops pulled out of HERMELISHEIM (R-1214) according to plans. 45th Div - Small counter attack launched at 2200A vic ALTHORN (Q-755400) was dispersed without loss of ground. Enemy attacked in zone Q-777385--Q-795385 with elements of 6 SS Mtn Div--mission to secure high ground N of WILDENGUTH (Q-7838). PWs indicate armor would be used.

AV Corps - No information.

c. First and Third US Armies:

Strong enemy counter attack against positions on high ground about 1 mile NE of TILLET repulsed.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Agents. Captured enemy espionage agents of a BRANDENBURG Co state that two groups of agents will soon cross the RHINE River vic SELTZ (R-2732) with a mission of blowing up existing gasoline and ammunition dumps in or near HAGUENAU.

(1) Group 1 (Civilians). The civilian group will consist of German and French personnel dressed in dark overcoats or trench coats and ski trousers of a dark color. These men may wear berets and will probably carry packs. Each man will carry a foreign pistol, Belgian or Czech and each will have identifying papers which show him to be a former French soldier. If captured, these men will state that they have escaped from a German prison camp. Several men of the group will carry plastic explosives. Explosives will be in several pieces and will probably be carried in their packs. This group is equipped with French tags of the wrist type.

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(2) Group 2 (Military). This group will be composed of four to six men, both French and German. They will be dressed as follows: Ski shoes, beige colored ski trousers, white on inside for camouflage in snow; parka jacket, dark green on outside and white on inside; the jacket has a hood which can be pulled over the head and five pockets, three in front and two in back. These men will also wear a German dark gray mountain cap which in some cases may have a Death's Head insignia in front and a triple Oak Leaf on the left side. Each man of this group will be armed with a machine gun and a luger pistol. Also, the group will carry four pieces of high explosives and two or three incendiary grenades. They will be equipped with German pay books, dog tags, field glasses, watches, compasses, maps and rations for four days. (Source: VI Corps Periodic Report No. 147).

b. I. WHY HELP THE ENEMY?

Following incident occurring 2 Jan 1945 is an indicative that there are still those who are derelict in properly instructing men posted as sentries on road blocks. In light of information recently disseminated concerning the infiltration of Germans in American uniforms and the probable movement of German Intelligence agents behind our lines, the dereliction disclosed below is even more glaring.

An officer was riding in a civilian car painted OD with US markings. He had no helmet on at the time and no visible unit insignia. His vehicle was stopped at a road block and the sentry looked inside the car. Without a single question being asked, the car moved on. Amazed at such laxity, the officer questioned the sentry.

"Why did you stop this car?"

"This is a road block, sir."

"What are you looking for?"

"We're checking vehicles to see if there are any Germans in American uniforms in them."

"Well, how do you know that I am not a German?"

"I know that you are an officer because I saw the bar on your collar."

"Don't you ask for the password?"

"Yes, in cases when we're not sure of the man."

"What do you do if a passerby does not know the password? I don't happen to know it myself."

"That's all right, sir. The password today is BUZZ - BOMB. You'll need it at the next road block down the way."

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At the next road block, the vehicle was again stopped and upon being challenged the password, BUZZ - BOMB, was given. The sentry replied, "Sir, that's the old password which has been compromised and they're not using it any more. The new password is THOROUGH - JOB." (VI Corps Periodic Report No. 148).

II. HOW TO BE AN AGENT

During the past several days attention has been called to the ease with which officers and men of the American Army and, in some instances, of the German Army, have circulated within our lines. Following extract from Ninth US Army Cir 20 is quoted as further evidence that the enemy will always take advantage of our gullibility: "On 19 Dec 44 an agent of the Sicherheitsdienst (German Intel Service) was arrested in KERRADE. Interrogation of subject revealed that he approached several American officers on 22 Sept 44 and asked to be attached to the American Army. He was given a short interview and stated that his nationality was Dutch. He was not required to substantiate his statements with any documents. He was given an American uniform and was given no specific duties other than to drive a Lt Col around, until he was apprehended. (Source: XX Corps G-2 Report 152, 8 Jan 1945: VI Corps Periodic Report No 148).

c. Weather: 12 Jan 45 - Increasing high and intermediate clouds, scattered low clouds. Cloudy at night. Very light snow flurries near sunset. Visibility 6 - 8 miles. Wind NE 10 MPH. Min. temp. 5 degrees F.

13 Jan 45 - Partly cloudy throughout day clearing at night. Visibility 2 - 3 miles during day lowering to 1 mile or less at night. Wind NE 7 - 9 MPH. Continued cold. Min. temp. 10 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period -- 2
Total PWs to date ----- 1012

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Vic: BOUXVILLER (Q8125)
110810 January 1945.

Map: France, 1/100,000.

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DIV TRS

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Hq Co
MP Plat
Band (-)
Det 154
398 (-)

3. a. Routes:

- No. 2 - ZINSWILLER - GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN - GUNDERSHOFFEN -
REICHSHOFFEN - WÖRTH.

(1) CCB

(2) CCR

(3) Div Tps will move by infiltration.

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c. IP's:

- (1) Route No. 1 - LAWALCK for CCB.
- PFAPFENNOFFEN for CCR and Div Trs.
- (2) Route No. 2 - ZINSWILLER.

d. Assembly Areas:

- (1) CCB - WOERTH - OBERDORF-SPACHBACH - GUNSTETT -
BIBLISHEIM (Do not move into towns E of this line).
- (2) CCR - GUNDERSHOFFEN - FORSTHEIM - LAUBACH -
MERTZWILLER.
- (3) Div Trs - MORSBRONN LES BAINS.

4. a. CCB will use both Routes No. 1 and 2.
b. Div Trs and CCR will use Route No. 1.
c. CCR establish Ln with CCB for time of movement.
d. Div MP's will post Route No. 1 for CCR and Div Trs.
5. Density - 30; Rate Speedometer - 10 (Column commanders authorized
to increase speed roads permitting).
6. Div Arty - Continue on present mission.

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ORGANIZATION

FROM

120001 JAN. 45

TO

122400 JAN. 45

PLACE

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 0130 | | (1) | 0128 | Msg from + - Re. needs. | |
| 0200 | | (2) | 0200 | Msg from + Re. wire detail. | |
| | | | 0600 | Co C.O. meeting at Bu C.P. | |
| | | | | FO. issued orally. | |
| 0800 | | (3) | 0755 | Msg from C.O. Everything all as planned. | Msg to CCA. |
| 0843 | | (4) | 0843 | Msg from C.O. Strong to located at edge of obj. | Msg to CCA. |
| 0844 | | (5) | 0844 | Msg from B (Duty) 1st turned over - no ans. | To CCA |
| 0846 | | (6) | 0845 | Msg from C.O. Strong to 100 | To CCA. |
| 0722 | | (7) | 0720 | Report any sig inf - C.C.A. | |
| 0855 | | (8) | 0855 | One of plgs. net. turned over. No ans. | To CCA |
| 0920 | | (9) | 0920 | URGENT that hit be developed. Push patrols in direction of 32. | To C.O. |
| 0920 | | (10) | 0920 | Have reached point 100 yds of 115 - C.O. | To CCA |
| 0930 | | (11) | 0930 | Encountered strong point at 100. Trying to enter at 1200 | To CCA. |
| 1002 | | (12) | 1000 | Msg from C.O. Inform Higher Hq. we do not have enough data. | To C.C.A. |
| 1014 | | (13) | 1014 | Troops being driven back by arty. Report two sig tanks engaged C.R. No of 105. | To C.C.A. |
| | | (14) | 1025 | Have yards requested arty on duty in T. to C.C.A. | |
| | | (15) | 1027 | Good friendly location in clear rising only 20 yards - CCA | |
| | | (16) | 1030 | Artillery (23 to 24) have moved 500 yds up at 120. Paid arty fire. | |
| | | (17) | 1040 | Still hope. Have heard gun of 1st. Are giving info. to 1st. 1st. - 1st. 1st. | To CCA |

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FROM _____

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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|------|------------|------------|--|--------------------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 1148 | | (17) | 1040 | Kentucky Church staple - Kitten
Laffer. See fire from west to
ground other unit - CCA. | To C.O. |
| 1108 | | (18) | 1100 | C.P. spotted enemy tank moving
into stance from Hatten - C.O. | To CCA. |
| 1208 | | (19) | 1207 | Lost one more Big Boy. Am re-
tiring to new position. What
line does JFV take off. | |
| 1230 | | (20) | 1229 | Send Med Vet on road toward
Jany's position. | On way |
| 1320 | | (21) | 1317 | Send PIR to where D Co is. One
vehicle needs assistance. | |
| 1402 | | (22) | 1400 | Shell hit - can hear guns of
Med Cal. firing from South. | To C.O. |
| 1452 | | (23) | 1450 | May 14 - 5 man patrol
working its way from Hatten | To CCA. |
| | 1301 | (24) | 1300 | to Kitten's position.
May 14, C.O. - There is a
report here. | |
| 1723 | | (25) | 1723 | Day is now moving in firing
If I do not receive instructions
from Jany soon. Jany going
to start firing on Hatten | (Intercept)
SS - AB |
| 1724 | | (26) | 1724 | open fire on Hatten until
gunfire ceases | SS - B-C
(Intercept) |
| 1727 | | (27) | 1727 | May 14 particularly on R.R.
station and roads going no
from Hatten. | (Intercept)
SS - B-C. |
| 1604 | | (28) | 1602 | By turns to know if mission
can be fired - 158337 - Co A. | |
| 1730 | | (29) | 1730 | Adv on 14 - covering with
heavy fire. Co D. | |
| 1731 | | (30) | 1731 | Limit of advance is line
running covering with
heavy fire - Co D. | |

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TO _____

PLACE _____

| TIME | | SERIAL
NO. | TIME
DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION
TAKEN |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | (31) | 1919 | Msg. C.C.A. - additional
copy of C.C.A. attached to
48 eff at once - serial
180866 - | |
| | | | 2100 | Re C.O. to C.C.A. | |
| | | | 2330 | Re C.O.'s called to Bu. of
FD, issued &
Rea & P moved forward. | |

Radio Voice Transmission
are becoming excessive
and will be reduced
at once. Messages to the
Hq, except in extreme
emergencies will invariably
be written before transmission.
Answers, to will be
written. Add nothing
except in emergencies
not to stop. Briefest possible
understandable language will
be used.

HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
APO 446 US ARMY

12 January 1945

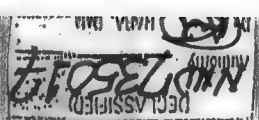
FIELD ORDER: (Issued Orally)

1. a) Enemy hold part of Rittershoffen and Hatten and ground to NE and SE.
b) 1.14AD w/2nd & 3rd Bn 315 captures R & H and reestablishes MLR
2. CCB attacks by fire from Leiterswiller-Rittershoffen rd, follows any enemy withdrawal. 25 will not cross that rd.
3. CCR crosses line Rittershoffen rd to south at 0800 atks and captures Hatten and reestablishes MLR.
4. 2nd Bn 315 attached to CCR at Hatten.
5. Div Arty, Division control.
6. CCA w/3rd Bn 315 atks at 0800 completes clearing of Rittershoffen, reorganizes prepared to move East to assist CCR in capturing Hatten.
7. 3rd Bn, 315 will secure that part of Rittershoffen on attached overlay.
8. 68 atks 0800 captures part of Rittershoffen shown on overlay.
2. 48 smokes SE corner Rittershoffen from 0800-0845 atks and captures that part Rittershoffen shown on overlay using medium tks to cut rd between Rittershoffen and Hatten and reorganizes to follow leading elements of CCR and coordinates with 3rd Bn, 315
3. a) B-48 move from assem area in woods South of Rittershoffen at 0800 to take positions SE Rittershoffen to cut Rittershoffen-Hatten rd by fire.
b) C-48 attacks SE part Rittershoffen with B-68 thru town.
c) D-48 protect right flank and rear of attacking elements.
4. XXX
5. a) CP southwest part of Rittershoffen.
b) Current SOI in effect.

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(To be submitted to Hq CCA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

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From: 170001 JAN.

To: 172400 JAN.

HQ. 48 TIL BN.

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Maps: HAGENAU SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

48 attacked south edge of Ritterhoffen
prising LD, dug in position of B-68, at 0750. Attack
went on schedule until enemy encountered
enemy strong point and atty. west of W-S road
south of Ritterhoffen. One platoon of atty flanked
strong point to south and encountered fire. Tanks
of B and C Co supported atty. with fire.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

VERY SATISFACTORY

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Penetrations to south end of
town - but unable to clear town
of enemy.

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8. DATA AND TO STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4(75) | 7 | 2 | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 5 | | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | M4(75) | 3 | | 3 | 1 |
| | M4(76) | 5 | | 3 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | 1 | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 7 | |
| | M4(76) | 1 | | 3 | 1 |
| | M4(105) | | | 1 | |
| "D" Co | M5(37) | 12 | | 5 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 15 | 2 | 12 | 1 |
| | M4(76) | 13 | | 9 | 1 |
| | M4(105) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M5(37) | 12 | | 4 | |

W/68

1 TIC
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VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

NOTE: 5 TKS, Co B, AT 7TH ARMY DRIVING SCHOOL, NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

Notes: To be submitted in single copy.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

12 January 1945

OPERATIONS ON 12 JANUARY, 1945

48th moved due east to attack at 0750. Artillery concentration fell on objective from 0750 - 0805. B-48 moved across LD at 0750, maneuvered rapidly to the right flank and brought fire on the objective southeast edge Rittershoffen, by 0800. Attached Inf Co moved up near objective but did not advance further because of enemy fire. C-48 moved in rear of infantry to support by fire. Fire of B-48 was lifted on order of Bn CO at 0840 and infantry assaulted objective, was repulsed by small arms fire. D-48 had moved into position on south flank to cover flank and rear, continued in this mission until 1650. B-48 remained in position south of objective ready to support with fire by order until 1700. From 1100 until 1300 one section of B-48 was engaged in maneuvering close in to right side of objective. Section lost one tank destroyed, the other two withdrew to company position on order. C-48 continued to support with fire from close range the entire day. One Tank, C-48, lost by anti-tank fire.

At 1650 D-48 moved on order rapidly due eastflanking Rittershoffen and Hatten, firing upon south edge Hatten. B-48 covered advance of D-48 by intense fire upon Hatten until 1700. At that time the bulk of B-48 moved to accompany D-48 continuing its fire upon Hatten. At 1720 withdrawal of D-48 and B-48 to outpost positions at Niederbetchdorf began, being completed by 1920. Re-supply completed during night.

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Hq 14 AD
12 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 38.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

I Corps - No change.

II Corps - OBENHEIM (Q-9673) reported surrounded by the enemy. Enemy pressure continued at KRAFF (Q-9780) and BENFELD (Q-8974). The entire 198 Inf Div and approx 40 tks of the 106 Pz Brigade are reported to be operating in the II Fr Corps zone. The enemy holds HERBSHEIM (V-9272) and ROSSFELD (V-9171).

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Enemy continues strong and aggressive action in the nose of the BITCHE salient, and in the RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and HATTEN (R-1733) areas. Enemy arty fire increased considerably for the period. 79th Div - At noon yesterday the enemy had Inf and tks in HATTEN (R-1733) and RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Last night at 2200A enemy Inf and tks attacked HATTEN from the N and E and was reported to hold all but the SW part of the town at that time. Considerable track and wheel vehicle movement was heard all night between STEINSELTZ (R-1445) - REIDSELTZ (R-1643) and INGOLSHEIM (R-1441) at 0935A. 3 tk IV tks were reported at R-159343. At 1000A enemy artillery fire, continued to fall in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and one enemy tk was reported in the town. At 1130A CCB received a fair concentration of enemy arty fire on the road running from RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) N to LEITERSWILLER (R-1536). Enemy AT gun reported at R-162336. At 1200A enemy was stubbornly resisting our attack on RITTERSHOFFEN with S/A, arty and tk fire. 45th Div - Between 0900A and 2000A yesterday 1500 rds of enemy arty and mortar fire fell in WILDENGUTH (Q-7837). Enemy C/A yesterday afternoon in the area N of WILDENGUTH, which was preceded by a strong arty concentration, was stopped along the 38 Northing in the WILDENGUTH-SAEGMUHL area. The enemy resisted strongly our attempts to regain the ground lost. Strong enemy S/A and mortar fire received vic hill at Q-830382 at 1800A yesterday. Close contact with the enemy continued in the western and central parts of their zone. Increased vehicular movement was heard on the NEUNHOFFEN (Q-9146) - DAMBACH (Q-9244) road at dusk last night.

XV Corps: No report on enemy activity. Situation described as static.

c. First and Third US Armies: Enemy is reported to be withdrawing from the W part of the salient.

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2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. German Tactical Use of Searchlights in a Ground Role. The following are observations and recommended countermeasures by units who have had these lights used in their sectors:

Observations

(1) The lights appear to be high intensity arc lights and are so strong that troops directly in front of them cannot observe movement of enemy or locate positions of lights.

(2) Beams appear to be used to spot objectives and as guides for Inf, tanks and arty.

(3) Beams are stationary and are sited at angles ranging from the horizontal to 45 degrees. When sited at angles above the horizontal, the beam reflects from the low clouds or overcast and lights the ground.

(4) Lights were used in groups of from 3 to 12.

(5) Lights stayed on from 15 minutes to one hour. In one case reported, they were used on and off during the entire night. In most instances they were used only for a short time prior to daylight.

Recommended Countermeasures

(1) Use of sound and flash arty teams to locate lights.

(2) Use arty and night fighters to destroy lights.

(3) Fire from flanks, as enemy troops and vehicles are silhouetted in beams.

(4) Use of liaison planes to locate lights.

(5) Flank Bns take intersection and arty can fire on lights.

When first used our troops were confused, but advantage was taken of their subsequent use and hvy casualties were inflicted on the enemy troops silhouetted in the lights. (Source: 30th British Corps: VI Corps Periodic Report No. 149).

b. Weather: 13 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken low clouds. Visibility 1 - 2 miles during morning improving to 3 - 5 miles in afternoon. Wind NE 6 - 10 MPH. Min. temp. 9 degrees F.

14 Jan 45 - Clear, no precipitation. Visibility 1/2 - 1 mile, improving to 3 - 4 miles after 1100A but lowering to 1/2 - 1 mile after 1800A. Wind E 8 - 10 MPH. Min. temp. 11 degrees F.

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 38

SEVENTH ARMY PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII 13, 1 & 2
XXXIX 15, 5 & 6
G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000 Sheets 6811, 7015, 7114, 7115,
7214, 7215.

Map Sheet XXXVIII 13, 1 & 2.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.
928335
926541

Roadblock of felled trees about 165 yds length.
Roadblock of felled trees.

Map Sheet XXXIX 15, 5 & 6.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
17050800
17100800

Possibly occupied 4 gun hvy AA battery.
Possibly occupied 3 gun lt AA.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. MISCELLANEOUS.
899638

Underground entrance.

Map Sheet 7015.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.
347358 to 350359

Trench under construction.

Map Sheet 7114.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.
284323
294322

Fire trench surrounded by wire.
Trench system now surrounded by wire.

B. OBSTACLES.
306313 & 313314

Roadblocks consisting of walls approx 3'
thick 10' gap.

C. DEMOLITIONS.
304317
273325

Road bridge blown. 125' blown gap, 195' wst
gap. By-pass by bridging at site.
Road bridge blown. 75' blown gap, 105' wst
gap. By-pass by bridging at site.

Map Sheet 7115.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
32652665

Four light FA guns. These guns are not em-
placed and no activity is visible around them.
May be a dummy battery.

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Map Sheet 7115 (Cont.)

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

32272800

4-gun light FA battery. These guns are not emplaced, but each gun has a casemate about 50' to its rear. It appears that these guns could be withdrawn into the casemates.
Possible 2-gun light battery.
Probable 4 gun lt FA battery.

32362876

32652890

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

354335 & 353331

Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position at each M.R.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

32552465 - 33832527

338252

Communication trench.
Shelter - (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprints)
32852505, 32802499, 32752495 & 24873275 - Shelters.
Pillbox - (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprints)

329264

32742645

31852645 - 33282680

32002645, 32382658 & 33262680 Pillbox at each M.R.

320271 - 320274 - 32202745 - 323271 Band of wire.

325273

328283 - 319285

412290 - 415291

368312

367304 - 366299

402283 - 403285

371331 & 366330

Shelter.
Communication trench.
Pillbox at each M.R.
Strongpoint of trench system and two pillboxes.
Communication trench.
Fire trench.
Shelter.
Fire trench connecting previously reported trenches.
Extension of previously reported trench through woods.
Shelter at each M.R.

D. MISCELLANEOUS.

404285

Underground entrance.

Map Sheet 7214.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

27451680 - 27571708

25551820

Communication trench.
Four shelters; (Confirms purple info on Defense overprints)

26431694

26551711

Shelter.
Shelter; (Confirms purple info on Defense overprints)

26851680

Pillbox.

B. FIELD BATTERIES.

197000

Possible 3-gun lt FA battery; (Plotted as 197200)

C. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

20691505

205150

206152

4-gun hvy AA battery.
3-gun lt AA battery.
Possibly occupied 3-gun lt AA battery.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

General Note:

A peculiar system of what appears to be single strands of wire is seen radiating in straight lines from pillboxes in the vicinity of WINTERSDORF and RASTATT.

ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 38

ORDER OF BATTLE

1. 25 PGD DIV. 1st Bn 35 PGR and 2nd Bn 119 PGR participated in the attack on HATTEN on 9 Jan. They were supported by 5 Tk Bn, which is reported to have been completely refitted with 9 - 11 M-V tks for each of its 3 tk Co's and 9 x 75mm Ass Guns on M-IV chassis for its 4th Co. According to PW statement only 23 vehicles (17 tks and 6 Ass Guns) were in condition at that time and participated in the attack, that 12 tks were destroyed and 2 badly damaged. Losses of both Bns were high and they withdrew to the woods to regroup. There they were joined by the 2nd Bn 192 PGR (21 Pz Div) which had had heavy losses the day before at STUNDWILLER (R-1836). The 3 Bns renewed the attack with the objective of taking the high ground NE RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1634). An American C/A drove them back to the forest and losses once more were heavy. PW claims 17 German tks and Ass guns were destroyed. (This probably but may not include 14 tanks mentioned above).
2. 21 PZ DIV. 2 Bn 192 PGR was reformed vic KANDEL (R-3353) then moved to BITCHE area on 31 Dec and back to WISSEMBOURG 2 days later. It suffered heavy losses. No regimental co's are believed to exist in 192 PGR, nor is there a 3rd Bn. A large percentage of the personnel (50% in 7 Co) were 18 year old recruits with 9 months of training. 125 PGR also has only 2 Bns and no regimental companies. It came to WISSEMBOURG area about 3 Jan. Much of the Regt (50%) consists of recruits with 3 - 4 months training. Officer PW estimates that 21 Pz Div has 70 tks, mostly M-V, and carries 150 men replacements in its Repl Bn. 155 Pz Arty Regt has 6 light and 3 heavy batteries. All guns are mtz, but not SP. Btrys have 4 guns each. Light have 105 Gun/How's, heavy 150 How's.
3. 6 SS Mtn Div. 1st and 3rd Bn 12 SS Regt are almost wiped out, but elements of 2nd Bn 12 Regt and 2nd and 3rd Bns 11 Regt have now been identified in line. There is also in addition to 506 SS Bn (Mtz) another mobile component: 6 SS Rcn Bn of 4 co's, two motorcycle co's, one jeep co and 1 hy co w/4 x 75 AT guns. Total strength: 200. PW from 15 Co 11 Regt claims that company strength in 3rd Bn are 120 - 150 (it was only 60 in 1st and 3rd Bn 12 Regt) and that commitment of his Bn was only prelude to large scale attack in which another SS Div (believed to be 5 SS Pz Div VIKING) and a hy weapons brigade were to take part.
4. 553 VG Div. According to PWs from the 1119, 1120 and 1121 GRs, the 553 VG Div underwent a reorganization toward the end of Dec 44 in which remnants of all these Regts were formed into a Bn KAPPES (1st Lt) which, about 300 strong initially, now constitutes the I Bn, 1119 GR. It remains to be seen

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to what extent the 1120 and 1121 GRs will be reconstituted but, judging from recent interrogation of PWs from Bn HOPPE, efforts were made to rebuild at least the 1120 GR, now considered to be defunct once more. Thus recent contacts with 1119, 1120 and 1121 GRs actually identify only I Bn, 1119 GR, also known as Bn KAPPES. Most recently the Bn KAPPES, which has had serious reverses of its own, is claimed to have also absorbed these remnants of the II Bn, 2 SS Police Regt which survived the action in the vic of DRUSENHEIM(R-1518).

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A (Smoking)
B
C (Smoking)
D (Schmidt's unit)

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1 (P)
1 (P)

8 Plt (B)
Capt B - 1st company
Recon Plt

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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|------|------------|------------|---|----------------|
| IN | OUT. | | | | |
| 0818 | | ① | 0805 | We are now on S edge of town being fired on by Friendly NF. | 1100
CCN. |
| 0820 | | ② | 0820 | Tell high/191 attack group moving thru we can do so under perfect cover of smoke. | msg to
CCN. |
| 0904 | 0911 | ③ | | No change in obsi 45 minutes. moved to search main st for 500 yards ahead for. | 1100
CCN |
| 0915 | | ④ | | Present situation and danger. This one surprisingly well from observation. They are engaging their objective with fire receiving little return. The one observation, they have on a position prescribed position and receiving little return. | msg to
CCN |
| 0930 | | ⑤ | | Further we are going to see in line the situation. It may be moving forward. | msg to
CCN |
| 0938 | | ⑥ | | 3 is the new observation. Strong point. Moving on the edge of smoke. | msg to
CCN |
| 0950 | | ⑦ | | Just lost on by 1st P and second. | msg to
CCN |
| 1035 | | ⑧ | | Now under of town. We are now big for our strong point. They are moving on the accomplishment of their plan and small key to CC. | msg to
CCN |
| 1137 | | ⑨ | 1137 | Successful defense of the town. They are now moving on the edge of smoke. | msg to
CCN |
| 1400 | | ⑩ | 1320 | Successful defense of the town. They are now moving on the edge of smoke. | msg to
CCN |

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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----------------|------------|------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 1600 | | (11) | 1600 | <p>after a long fight from inside the
the better position for the R-11:
will be the boundary between
68 & 412 - OCA.</p> <p>Long time. Park attack
fact. 68 is having no edge
of town and I have captured
2 German tanks at 155316</p> | To C.O. |
| | | (12) | 1650 | Request for status of tanks | To C.O. |
| | | | 2116 | Counter attack down on the
road. | |
| | 2121 | | 2100 | TF Wall has available
one 155 MM How. Can you
use it tomorrow in reducing
enemy strong points. Consult
Red-Maybe the church and
our cross roads. | |
| 2129 | 2129 | (13) | 2120 | Counter attack coming down
the slopes. | To OCA. |
| 2125 | 2125 | (14) | 2125 | Have the put duty on C.P.
100 | |
| 2132 | | (15) | 2132 | Have you notified higher
key to get the other stuff
and the plans | |
| 2130 | | (16) | 2131 | Talk to them. As there is something
down. Let down center. | |
| 2200 | | (17) | 2208 | The ground is somewhat quite now. | |
| 2254 | | (18) | 2212 | Report now is that there are
nothing in if back there seems
not to have gotten there. | |

HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

13 January 1945

OPERATIONS FOR DAY OF 13 JANUARY 1945

Co-ordinated attack of 48th Tank Bn, 68th Armd Inf Bn, and 3rd Bn of 315 Inf Regt started at 0800. C-48 with B-68 and 1A-68 moved forward fighting from house to house. Attack progressed slow but steady until 1000 when one tank was knocked out as it approached the church.

The movement was slowed down until approximately 1500 when house to house fighting continued again.

B-48 took firing positions along south side of Rittershoffen-Hatten Road in position able to cut road with fire.

D-48 took up flank firing position in the vicinity of southwest corner of town.

Defense positions for the night were established by all companies by 1930. Patrols were established contacting CCR on right and 68th on left.

A counter-attack by flame throwing German tanks and some infantry started at 2130.

Counter-attack was contained within hour by massed artillery directed jointly by the Battalion C.O. and Arty Liaison Officer.

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: _____

To: _____

No. _____

Maps: _____

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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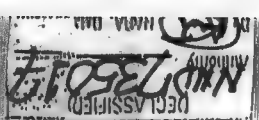
3. TANK AND ID STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| ✓ B Co | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| ✓ A Co | M4(75) | 2 1 | 2 | 2 | W/68 |
| | M4(76) | 3 4 | 2 | 2 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| ✓ B Co | M4(75) | 3 | | | |
| | M4(76) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| ✓ C Co | M4(75) | 4 | | 7 | 1 |
| | M4(76) | 1 | | 3 | |
| | M4(105) | | | 1 | |
| ✓ D Co | M5(37) | 9 | | 5 | 1 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 7 | | 7 | 1 |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | 6 | |
| | M4(105) | 4 | | 5 | |
| | M5(37) | 9 | | 1 | 1 |

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FROM

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TO

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PLACE

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 0000 | | (1) | 0000 | all quiet on western front. | |
| 0031 | | (2) | 0031 | | |
| 0100 | | (3) | 0100 | | |
| 0130 | | (4) | 0130 | Request disposition of | |
| 0200 | | (5) | 0200 | | |
| 0300 | | (6) | 0300 | | |
| 0400 | | (7) | 0400 | | |
| 0500 | | (8) | 0500 | | |
| 0600 | | (9) | 0600 | | |
| 0753 | | | 0700 | | to ... |
| 0800 | | | 0805 | | to ... |
| 0800 | | | 0826 | | to ... |
| | | | 1335 | | |
| | | | 1345 | | |
| | | (10) | 1445 | | to ... |
| | | (11) | 1425 | | to ... |
| | | (12) | 1430 | | to ... |
| | | (13) | 1300 | | |
| | | | 1345 | | |

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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|---|---------------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | (14) | 1435 | Shift all fire so. of line. 115 E 110. No next fire until 1200 hours as present. | To 80. |
| | | (15) | 1450 | Send report on enemy action every 10 min. | |
| | | | 1458 | Send report to C.O.A. | |
| | | | 1508 | Reg. Report to CCA | |
| | | | 1518 | " " " " | |
| | | | 1528 | " " " " | |
| 1710 | | (16) | 1540 | Msg to C.O.A. - Organize your defenses for the day. 313 by and 48 coordinate and agree on clean cut mission for each which will be submitted this day. Plans due here 1800 | To C.O. |
| | | (17) | 1630 | Fire work again repelling bomb against reg. 48 flank. Expect another tonight or early tomorrow morning about 48 flank. | To C.O. |
| 1545 | | (18) | 1545 | Fr. C.O. One by by, see 48 action and fire 48. | To C.O. |
| 1851 | | (19) | 1851 | A larger sub lig 48 force has occupied area you saw occupied today. This makes our firing mission almost impossible. They move frequently into our line of fire - 48 takes 48. Enemy 48 moving into town from north. east. at 2005. Request arty fire | Intercept 68 to CCA |
| 2037 | | | 2000 | | |

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PLACE

| TIME | | SERIAL
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DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION
TAKEN |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 2045 | | (20) | 2235. | Enemy attack on Hatten
about 2200 w/ 40 and Inf.
Enemy TK column. claim
reported approaching
Hatten from East and N.E.
from GCH - | To C.O. |

HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

14 January 1945

OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD 14 JANUARY 1945

Operations today consisted primarily of a defensive nature with the purpose of holding the ground taken yesterday in Rittershoffen and retaking those small sectors of town lost during last nights counterattack.

B-48 again had the mission of cutting the Rittershoffen-Hatten Road with fire from positions southeast of Rittershoffen. They reached this position by 1030. At 1110 B Co fired on enemy infantry effectively at southeast edge of town.

D-48 again took firing positions along right flank of town with position of protective fire.

All elements of 1A-68 and B-68 were regrouped under the command of 1st Lt Keeno who resumed mission of clearing assigned sector of town.

At 1415 a counterattack consisting of tanks and infiltrating infantry approached our positions. Our supporting artillery and direct fire of B-48 from their assigned positions contained the counter-attack so that by 1500 the situation was under control. Assault Gun Platoon and Mortar Platoon, 48th Tk Bn supported artillery fire on counter-attack.

Plans for defense of position were put into effect by 1900.

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Adv CP, 48

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Our infantry refuses to hold their positions. Cannot be controlled by CCO or by Lt Ryan. It is imperative that a minimum of one company be sent immediately to reinforce us. Call CCA and tell them that it must

be done before daylight. They have lost the two horses gained and only half of the men can be found. We think they took off to sea.

John L. Brown
Major

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 140001 JAN.
To: 142400 JAN.

HQ 48TK BN.
NIEDERBETS DORF, FR

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD.

6. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

- OVER -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

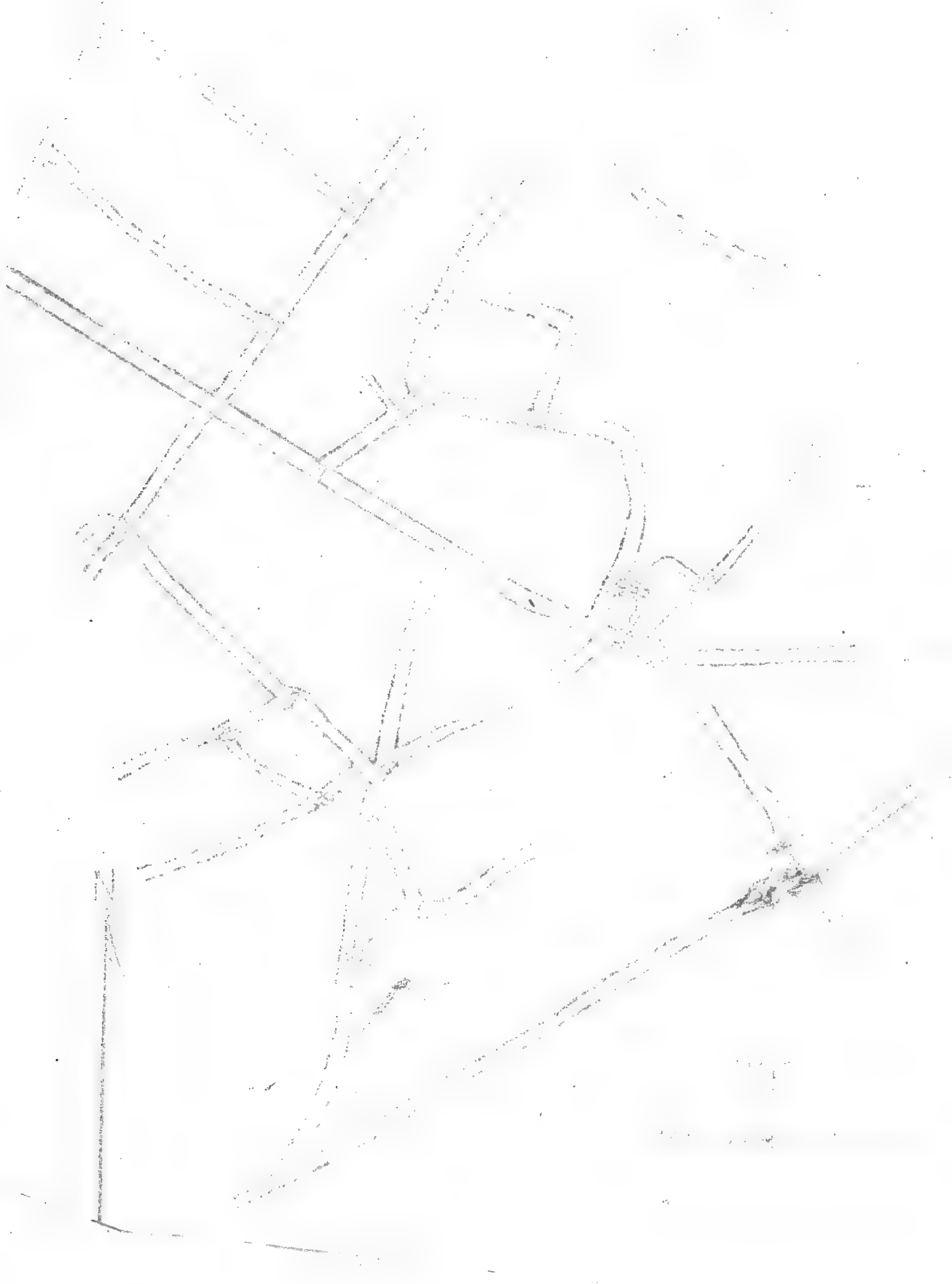
| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | | | | |
| | M4 (76) | W/68 A 1 B | | | |
| | M4 (105) | | | | |
| "B" Co | M4 (75) | 3 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 4 | | 2 | 1 |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 4 | | 3 | |
| | M4 (76) | 1 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (105) | | | 2 | |
| "D" Co | M5 (37) | 6 | | 6 | 3 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 16 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 11 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 5 | | | |
| | M5 (37) | 6 | | 6 | 3 |

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TO CO 48, 68, 3/315, attachments.

Outstanding work all of you.

My warmest congratulations.

Watch your security through the night. Be ready with all force. Look out for changed enemy AT gun positions in the morning.

COCCA

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48

SECRET

Hq CCA 14 AD
APO 448, U S Army
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O. I. No. 19. (Confirming Oral Instructions).

1. 48 will attach at once to third Bn 315 a platoon of 5 medium tanks.
2. 3d Bn 315 will include in its zone of action that part of RITTERSHOFFEN previously assigned to 48 and will operate to capture all parts of its zone of action rapidly.

48 will maintain its present position in RITTERSHOFFEN, defending it without loss of ground. Will protect the right flank of 3d Bn 315. Will maintain contact with CCR and will cut by tank gun fire the road between RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. It will assist 3d Bn 315 with tank gun fire upon request.

68 will continue attack in its zone of action and will be prepared, upon further orders from this Hq to capture that part of RITTERSHOFFEN north of the church which is now in the zone of action of 3d Bn 315.

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MIEDERSBETS DORE, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 0608 | | ① | 0600 | Msg from CCA. Enemy attack on Hatten reported about 0545 with 10 tanks and flame throwers | To C.O. |
| | | ② | 0700 | Msg from CCA. Attack by air will commence at 0815 this morning. | To C.O. |
| 3600 | | | | Phone msg from C.C.A. - send probing patrols to check for enemy in town. | To C.O. |
| 0830 | | ③ | 0835 | Msg from Hatt. We report we are ready. | To C.O. |
| 0850 | | ④ | 0850 | Msg from C.C.A. - Ref Hatt. | To C.O. |
| 0945 | | ⑤ | 0935 | Our Art. has engaged several groups of men and vehicles moving toward Hatten and Rittershoffen in the area just north of Hatten. This activity may indicate another enemy attack soon. | To C.O. |
| 1007 | | ⑥ | 1000 | Our Art. at 0945 engaged unidentified enemy vehicles at 175339, 176339, and 177339. | To C.O. |
| 1145 | | ⑦ | 1030 | Results not known. Msg from C.C.A. There are indications of reinforcement at Rittershoffen enemy garrison. The H.C. has C.G. direct to Hatten. The attack against Hatten is not over. This is a very serious situation. A practical follow up will be made by C.O. checked fully by Art., machine and H.C. | To C.O. |

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TAKEN |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 1310 | | Phone | 1310 | Msg fr. C.C.D. - stop moving
vehicles to rear immediately | To C.O. |
| | | | 1610 | 3 Trs & 3 crews to B. Co. | |
| | | | 1615 | 3 crews to Co C. | |

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From: 150001 JAN 45
To: 152400 JAN 45

LD. 48TK BN.
NIEDERBETS DORF. FR.

No. _____

Maps: SELTZ SHEET 152 SCALE 1:2500

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - 100 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

SEE SEPARATE REPORT

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

SATISFACTORY

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

- over -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| A Co | M4(75) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 4 | | 2 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| B Co | M4(75) | 3 | | | |
| | M4(76) | 5 | | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| C Co | M4(75) | 4 | | 3 | |
| | M4(76) | | | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | | | | |
| D Co | M5(37) | 10 | | 7 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 16 | | 5 | |
| | M4(76) | 11 | | 4 | |
| | M4(105) | 5 | | | |
| | M5(37) | 10 | | 2 | |

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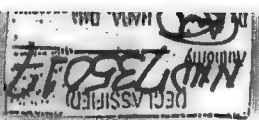
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PLACE NIEDERSBETS DORF. FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0001 | Plan of today's operations and location of mine fields sent to the following:
Opus - B, B, C, D, 941, 125
A/L, MORT, file, CCA.
Mine file, A-28, A-6, MORT, 125
160001 | |
| | | ① | 0250 | Msg from Lenz Co C.O. - No 81 MORT. Lt. at Day - sending 400 WP is possible in the future. | |
| | | | 1025 | Msg to CO, Co A - Done C.O. A/L & Plant file report to C.P. | |
| | | | 1120 | Meeting of all Co operations at C.P. - then to C.O. & Lenz Co. | |
| | | ② | 0900 | Msg fr. C.O.A. - Reduce your time holders until such time as you can resume the American and advance your base. Can't move it back on ground in the town area. | To C.O. & S4 |
| 1458 | | ③ | 1457 | Tell Sunday mission is signed by my Sec. Major & L. Will perform part of mission - C.O. & Lenz Co. | To C.O. |
| | | | 1825 | Bu C.O. Co C.O.A. | |
| | | | 2000 | Meeting of all Co C.O.s and detachment C.O.s at Bu C.P. | |



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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 160001 JAN
To: 162400 JAN
HQ 48 TIL BN
NIEDERRETS DORE FR

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS SCALE 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
BN MAINTAINED DEFENSIVE POSITION
OF PREVIOUS DAY
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
SATISFACTORY
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
ACCOMPLISHED

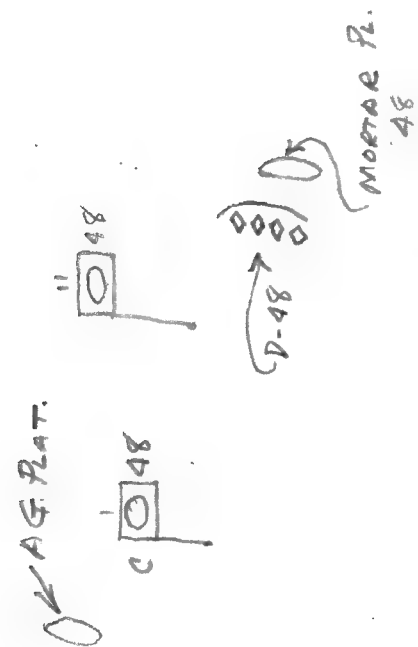
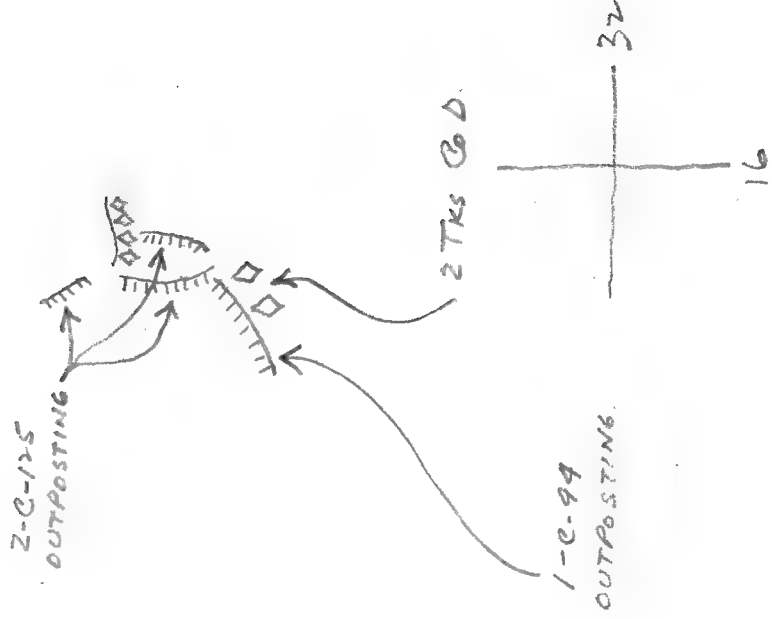
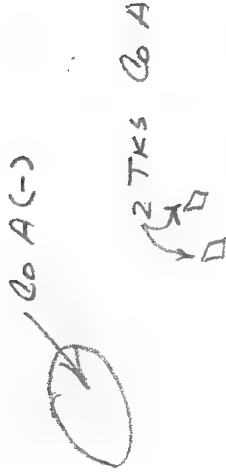
B. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | 5 | 2 | 4 | |
| | M4 (76) | 4 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (105) | | | 1 | |
| "B" Co | M4 (75) | 2 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (76) | 4 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 2 | | 4 | 1 |
| | M4 (76) | | | 1 | |
| | M4 (105) | | | | |
| "D" Co | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 9 | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| | M4 (76) | 10 | | 4 | |
| | M4 (105) | 4 | | | |
| | M4 (37) | 9 | | 1 | |

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POWER
INCL.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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OVERLAY.
 TO ACCOMPANY S-3 REPORT
 HQ. 48 TR BN - 16 JAN. 44.
 MAP: HAGENAU (SELTZ SHEETS
 SCALE 1:25,000.

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ARTY CHECK POINTS to get out
units tonight

Series MIKE

1 - 15833432
2 - 16073432
3 - 16003420
4 - 15903420
5 - 16283423
6 - 16103424
7 - 16423452
8 - 16523470
9 - 16703460
10 - 16743478
11 - 19173426
12 - 18503540
13 - 17243440
14 - 18683467
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18 - blank
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33 - 15903420
34 - 19163426

Series NAW

1 - 16003466
2 - 1600 3454
3 - 16133446
4 - 16223462
5 - 16263478
6 - 16353490
7 - 16453498
8 - 16523510
9 - 16303444
10 - 16433457
11 - 16593433
12 - 16603498
13 - 16393432
14 - 16523442
15 - 16933486
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24 - 16903415
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30 - 17053403
31 - 16013302
32 - 16533534
33 - 17263394

HQ 48 TANK BN
APO 146
U. S. ARMY

16 JAN-45

DAILY S-2 REPORT
TO: S-2 C. C. A.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| NO. PRISONERS TAKEN | - | 0 |
| ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED | - | 6 |
| ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED | - | - |
| NO. ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED | - | 2 |

REPORT AS OF 1930

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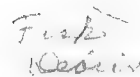
315th Infantry
 26 Jan. 1945

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS;

1. a. In view of current reverses in other sectors, En. will defend tenaciously his present positions and C/A with strong forces of Inf. and armor. En. holds parts of RITTERSHOFFEN with est. force of 500 men, elmts of 21st Pz., 25th Pz.Gr. and possibly of 7th Para. Divs., supported by an est. six (6) tank or assault guns. En. secures high ground along his supply rte with an est. 300 men. En. occupies part of HATTEN with an est. 1000 Inf. and 8-10 tanks. A local C/A in RITTERSHOFFEN of one (1) Co. possibly accompanied by a flame throwing tank can be expected. A C/A of two (2) Bns. supported by 10-15 tanks is a possibility. For Arty support, En. has available six (6) to nine (9) Bns. of 105 and four (4) - six (6) Bns of 150mm plus unknown number of 120mm mortars.
- b. 315th Inf. (less 2nd Bn) 68th A.I.B. attchd, cont. atk. to clear town of RITTERSHOFFEN. 17 Jan. and organize def. line in prep. for continuation of atk to E on HATTEN. 2nd Bn, 315th and 62nd A.I.B. with one Co. med tks cont. atk HATTEN 170730. Co. "B", 2nd Chem Bn (4.2") attchd. 310th F.A. (reinf) dir suppt.
2. One (1) Co. - 1st Bn, 315th Inf. cross L/D at 170630 Jan.; gain foothold in NW edge town (area "A" - sketch) prior to 0700; cont. atk to SE to clear town (Order "B", "C"). One (1) Co. - 1st Bn, supptd by one (1) Co. Med. Tks, cross L/D 170715; occupy, org., and def. till 172000 (overlay & sketch) Orgn. pos. indicated for defense of town, prep. to cont. atk to E. on order.
3. 68th A.I.B. (attchd to 1st Bn, 315th) resume atk 0700 to NE. Joine forces w/1st Bn, 315th and cont atk to SE to clear town ("B", "C") Attchd one (1) Plat Med. tks. Occupy position defensive position indicated, as ordered by CO, 1st Bn.
4. 3rd Bn, 315th (attchd one (1) Plat Medtks), atk by fire 170700, Jan. strong point vic. Church (area "C") Upon lifting of mortar barrage, atk. by fire and movement and overrun strong point; cont. atk to occupy area "D". Organize and occupy position indicated for def. of town, prep. to cont. atk to E. on order.
5. Cn. Co. - Normal support.
6. AT Co. prep. to occupy defensive position shown. Coord. A.T. def. of sector.
7. Co. "B", 2nd Chem Bn fire on areas "C" and "D" commencing 0700. Fires to lift at 0907 or on call of Bn. Observers w/eac atk Bn.
8. Arty Suppt. All fires within no fire area (overlay) cleared through 310th F.A. and this Hqs. Normal light harassing fires. Smoke to conceal operations when necessary.
9. Demonstration atks by CCB on L (N) flank 315th.
10. All MG's .50 and 30 Cal. will be employed to max. advantage in atk. Use of flame throwers, demolition charges and grenades to facilitate rapid advance in house to house fighting. Refill s.a. for flame throwers OBERBETSCHDORF.
11. Speed is the essence in this operation. All efforts must be expended by all units to assure rapid and successful completion of mission to allow sufficient time for preparation of defensive positions and plans for continuation of atk. Units will be prepared to repel C/A immediately upon reaching Obj.
12. 500 A.T. mines avail. KUHLENDORF at Co. "B", 125th Engrs. (CAPT. O'NEILL, Cmdg.) Personnel avail. for laying mine fields.
13. One (1) flame throwing tank avail at KUHLENDORF on order this Hqs.
14. Comm. - 1st Bn to 68 A.I.B. - 300 SCR. Wire & SCR-300 284 to 1st & 3rd Bns, SCR-300 to 2nd Bn; Wire, SCR-284 and Lx from CCA.
15. NO FRIENDLY PERSONNEL WILL WEAR ANY WHITE EQUIPMENT.
16. C.P. - NO change.
17. PW Col. Points at 129312.

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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|---|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 1410 | enemy positions where we had to observe for AT positions of Hatten. Report May to CCA (Force Engr) Check mines removed by tankers vicinity 158346 | To CCA |
| 1509 | | (10) | | consensus is tank was hit by 5 AP. We are firing fire on by everything in the books. | |
| 1511 | | (11) | | Have identified German smoke 800 yds to our front in that direction direction was S of Oberaden. | |
| 1538 | | (12) | | Situation is more too good. Can't get strong hold. This very intense. Can't contact Co. west in with this morning. Not in same shape as this morning location. app same part of 1 pl in Vis 3-4. Not known when they are now. | |
| 1610 | | (13) | | Good Etc app pos. Check pt 10. Have contact with leading vehicles. They have some Inf around and in front of them. Not sure to the left a few not many got into Bldgs. Have them out of line C.O Inf for contact his Dr. C.O. | |
| 1620 | | (14) | | Firing sporadic but close. Can't identify or determine source. Have no friendly troops to front and don't believe there are any to flank. | |
| 1644 | | (15) | | Smoke observed. Vis 168347 | |
| 1830 | | (16) | | As you want us to continue firing this harassing fire and attempt interval do you want us to fire. | |



(To be submitted to Hq CCA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 115 & 117

S - 3 REP ORT

From: 170001 JAN.
To: 172400 JAN.

HQ 48 TIC BN.

NIEDERSBETS DORF, FR.

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS, SCALE 1:25000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

FAIR - 300 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED LATER.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

- OVER -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 1 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | 2 5 | 2 | 2 2 | 1 |
| | M4 (76) | 2 5 | 1 | 2 0 | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | 1 | |
| "B" Co | M4 (75) | 2 | | 3 | |
| | M4 (76) | 5 | | 1 | 2 |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 2 | | 4 | 2 |
| | M4 (76) | 5 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (105) | | | | |
| "D" Co | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 8 9 | 2 | 11 | 1 |
| | M4 (76) | 16 16 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| | M4 (105) | 2 | | 1 | |
| | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |

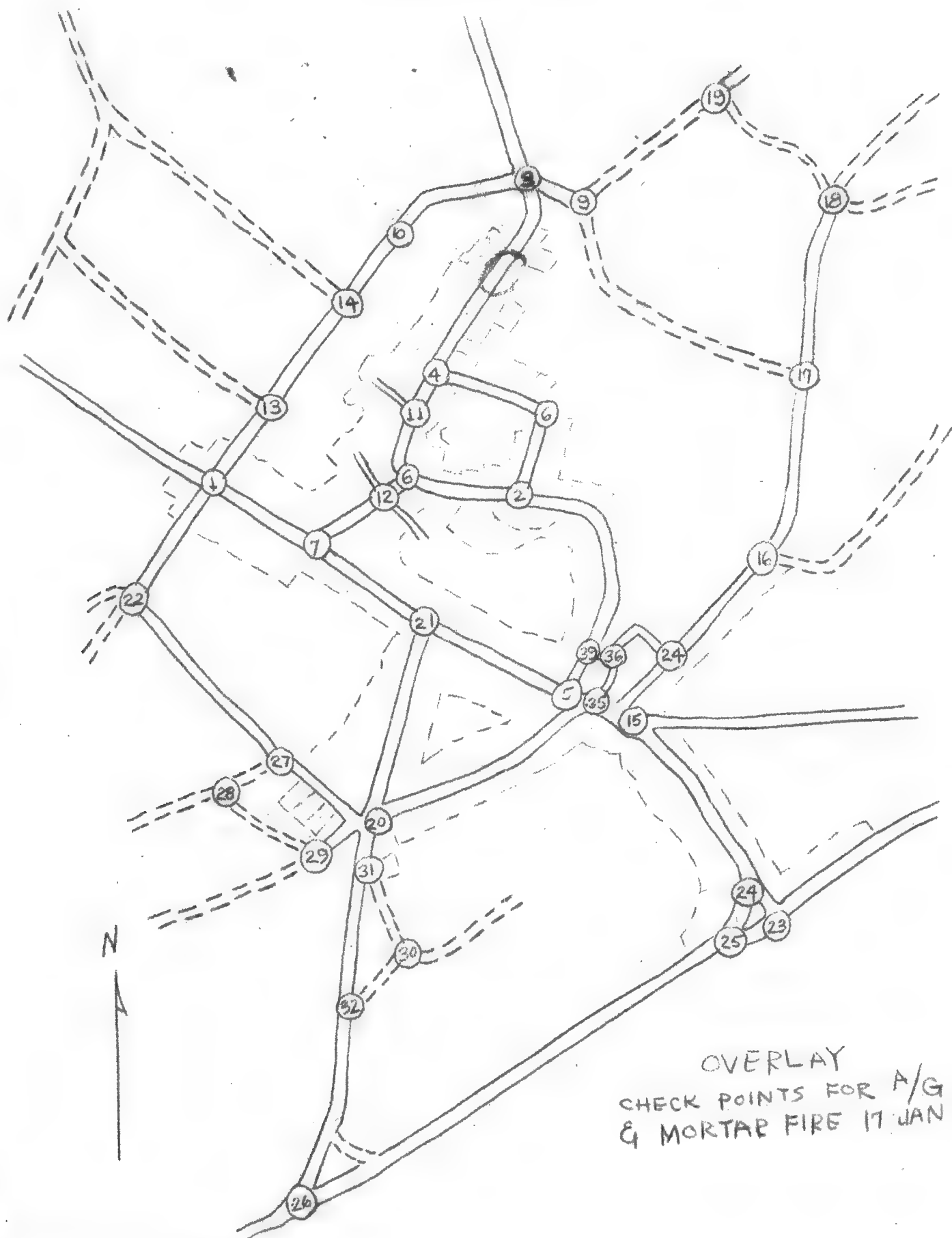
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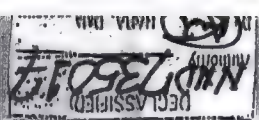
8 MED TICS RECEIVED - 76 MM, 3 ASSIGNED TO Co B, 5 ASSIGNED TO Co C.

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SKETCH
RITTERSHOFFEN



OVERLAY
CHECK POINTS FOR A/G
& MORTAR FIRE 17 JAN 45



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Auth: CG 14 AD

Init:

Date: 16 Jan 45

Hq CCA 14 AD

APO 446 U S Army

161900 Jan 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS No. 24.

1. a. Enemy - see current intelligence.
b. Operations against HATTEN will be continued in order to pin enemy troops in that vicinity. CCB will support CCA atk with 50 Cal fire and demonstration with a platoon each of medium and light tanks, latter advancing to vicinity 166353.
2. At 0630 1 Bn 315 will launch an attack to the east to capture northeastern end of RITTERSHOFFEN and the woods to the immediate northeast. CCA Engr to open necessary gap in minefield for attack of 1-315.
3. At 0715 68 under CO 1-315 to stage fastest possible house to house attack to recapture remainder of RITTERSHOFFEN in its zone.
4. At 0715 3-315 attacks in its zone in conjunction with Co 315 on on its south (right) flank. Co to be under control 3-315. Objective of attack on right is buildings area in RITTERSHOFFEN and woods immediately east thereof. Necessary clearing of minefield at southwest end of RITTERSHOFFEN under direction CO 315. CCA to furnish 3 engineer technicians for assistance.
5. At about 0730 launch attack from west with one company of tanks and one company of reinforced infantry to capture high ground at 165345, ground to be held by infantry and anti-tank guns after consolidation. Pillboxes to be held in connection with defense to south. Foxholes to be dug under cover of tanks. Engr CCA to open gap in minefield for passage of tank Co. Tank unit furnished by and under control of CO 48.
6. Artillery: In front of attack on northwestern end of RITTERSHOFFEN arrange short concentration of HE or time on woods to the west and on buildings at 2300, 0120, 0340, 0500. Shift these fires slightly with each concentration to cover woods to north and northwest of buildings. No other fires except in case of counter-attack in this vicinity without approval CO 315. Patrolling by 68 to be coordinated with above fire schedule.

Artillery on south of RITTERSHOFFEN: five to eight concentrations all to be under control CO 315 to be placed on buildings area and woods running 50 yards southwest thereof in southeast part of town and woods immediately east and northeast thereof, except in case of counterattack. None of these fires after 0615. At 0615 a no fire line is established from 160346 to 165346 to 165333 to 160333. Artillery fires delivered in this area during attack on RITTERSHOFFEN will be on call CO 315 to 79th Division Artillery.

Close in defense fires protecting against enemy counterattack for the force seizing high ground 165345 by CO 315 and 79 Div Arty.

Harassing fire with time shell will be placed east of no fire line east of RITTERSHOFFEN on all suspected mortar localities from 0700 until RITTERSHOFFEN capture has been completed. Observation planes to assist.

CO 14th AD Arty establish no fire line for protection of friendly troops in HATTEN.

Counterbattery of enemy artillery positions will be conducted with sufficient guns to neutralize enemy artillery from 0700 until infantry northeast of town has dug-in. Estimated to be 1030; artillery ammunition availability considered. CO 14 AD Arty to coordinate.

7. Coordination and command of all infantry fires and means under direction CO 315.
8. 48 attach 3 tanks to 3-315 and 3 tanks to 68. Provide a platoon, minimum of 3 Med, preferably 5, for overwatching from south in direct support of 315. Communication with CO 3-315. Entrance thru minefield arranged between CO 48 and CCA Engr.
9. CCA Reserve; assault guns and mortars of 48, C-125, C-94 (less detachments). The assault guns of 48 to be laid at beginning of operation on southeast edge of RITTERSHOFFEN, fires to be subject to call CO 3-315.
10. CO 315 establish contact with CCR 14 AD on right flank and also with CCB 14 AD on left flank.
11. Maximum use will be made of pole charges and flame throwers.
12. There will be continual warming up of tank motors throughout the night. 48 coordinate warming-up of tank motors for north flank attack with delivery of artillery fires to conceal the motors.
13. Communications system to be fully organized to include wire, radio, and pyrotechnics.
14. CP CCA: N EDERBETSCHDORF.

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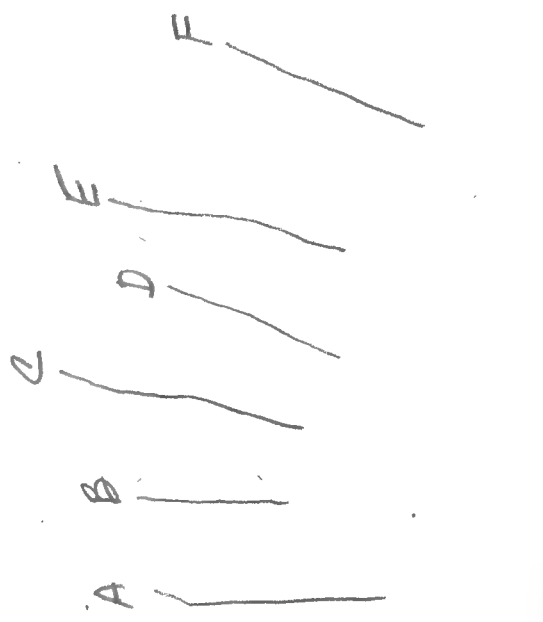
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HQ. CCB 14 AD
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NOTE: LINES INDICATE PHASE
 LINES TK PATROL 25 TRBN

4 AREAS TO BE SMOKED ON
 ORDER TK PLXT LOR ONLY.

MAP: 1:25,000.
 PHASE LINES FOR
 TK PATROL 25 TRBN
 16 JAN. US

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HQ 48 TANK BN

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17-JAN-45

DAILY S-2 REPORT

TO: S-2 C.C.A.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------|
| NO. OF PRISONERS TAKEN | - | 0 |
| ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED | - | 100 |
| ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED | - | 2 |
| NO ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED | - | 1 |

REPORT AS OF 1730.

HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

OPERATIONS OF THE 48TH TANK BN FOR 17 JAN 45

A-48 moved at 0700 to assembly area NW Rittershoffen, prepared to swing N of Rittershoffen with A-315 to capture high ground immediately NE of Rittershoffen. Mission of A-315 was changed in early afternoon to assist B-315 in direct assault on NW end of Rittershoffen. A-48 supported this attack; the attack received heavy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and AT fire. Attack was unsuccessful resulting on one tank disabled in A-48. A-48 was withdrawn at darkness to assembly area east of Kuhlendorf.

B-48 continued to support directly holding operations of 68 and 3-315 in town of Rittershoffen. C-48 moved to position SE of Rittershoffen to cut Rittershoffen - Hatten Road by tank fire, encountered desultory enemy fire, was withdrawn to assembly area E of Niederbetchdorf at darkness.

D-48 covered right flank and rear of Bn until withdrawn at darkness to assembly area E of Niederbetchdorf.

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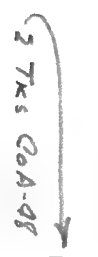
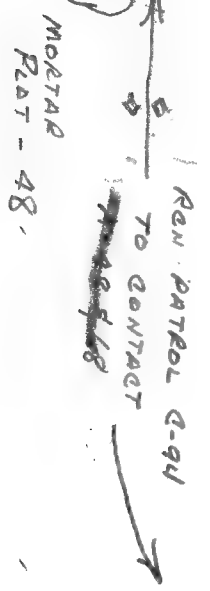
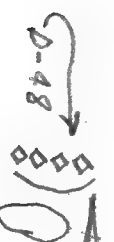
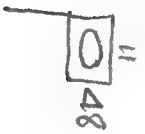
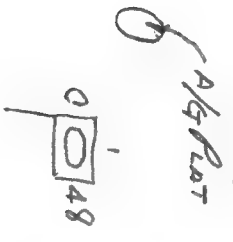
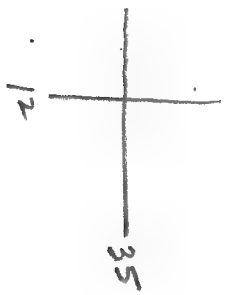
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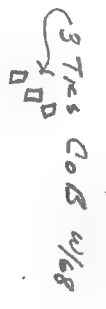
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NIEDERSBETS DORF, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 1300 | overlay of defensive plan for 18 Jan submitted to following. A. B. C. D. a/s, M. A. P. CCA, Rcn 48. Med. | |
| 1010 | | ① | 0945 | Msg from CCA - CCB patrol of flat med Tks and flat at the operating on axis 15 7357 - 167350 with flat med Tks and med ch. v. c. b. m. d. e. n. s. | Get map |
| | | ② | 1230 | Msgs C.C.D. duty targets engaged for friendly duty. | Get map. |
| | | | 1340 | Phone call from C. C. A | |
| | | | 1345 | Bn C. O. to C. C. A. | |
| | | | 1352 | Msg to A. C. C. O's to be prepared to move. | |
| | | | 1700 | Co's remained on alert till 1700 at which time were taken off. | |
| | | | | no CO CO meeting. | |
| | | | | at 2100 Maint left unit to Vis. of Kuhlendorf received 1360 vehicle took same to Br Maint. | |
| 1915 | | ③ | | 3 missions executed by tanks with me today blowing up Bldgs etc. good results. one tank received one round of long range bogvka fire which hit near right track. no casualties and damage was minor. I readily fought even with tanks which accounted for bogvka being fired at over 100 yds range. observer reports 1 enemy tank knocked out in his sector also several daps. Forward progress in both places has been little if any. | |

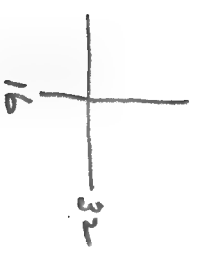


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TO CONTACT A-48 968



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TO ACCOMPANY S-3 REAR
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 To: 182400 JAN 45

HQ 48 TIC BN
 NIEDERSRETS DORF, FR.

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS SCALE 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

B CO OUTPOSTED SAME POSITIONS AS
 PREVIOUS DAY. REMAINDER OF BN ON ALERT
 FOR IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

SATISFACTORY

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Satisfactory

- OVER -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 1 | | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4(75) | 4 | 4 | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 0 | 1 | | |
| "B" Co | M4(75) | 3 | | | |
| | M4(76) | 8 | 1 | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 2 | | 4 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | | | | |
| "D" Co | M5(37) | 7 | 3 | 1 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 9 | 4 | 6 | |
| | M4(76) | 20 | 1 | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | 4 | 1 | | |
| | M5(37) | 7 | 3 | 1 | |

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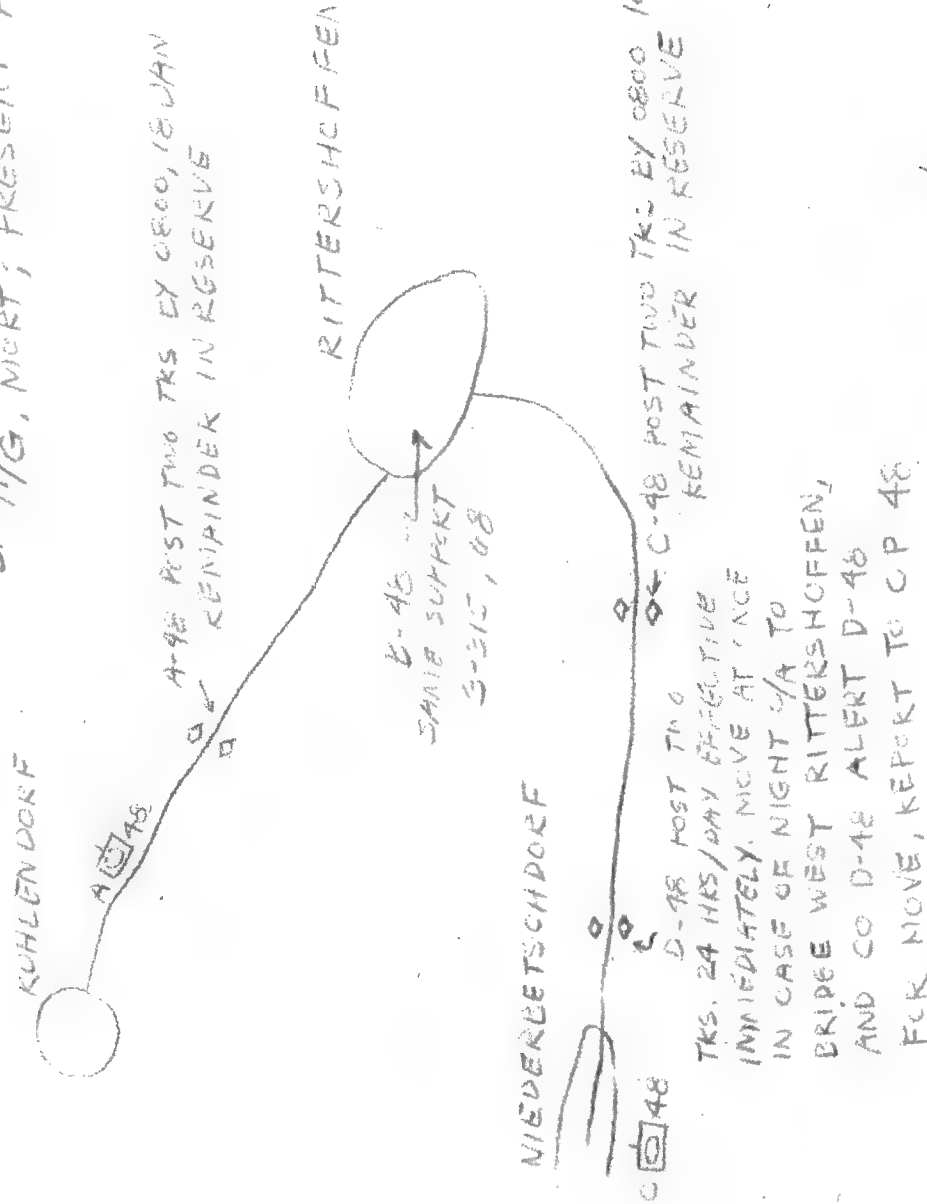
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HQ 48 TH BN 17 JAN

OVERLAY OPERATIONAL INST. FOR 18 JAN

1. ENTIRE BN ON 30 MIN. ALERT PREPARED TO MOVE EAST TO KEPEL S/A
2. RGN 48 PATROL WARN LT TK OUTPOST OF ANY NIGHT C/A
3. A/G, NIGHT; PRESENT POSITION



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18 JAN 45

DAILY S-2 REPORT

TO: S-2 C.C.A.

NO PRISONERS TAKEN

0

ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED

0

ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED

0

NO. ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED

0

REPORT AS OF 1800.

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DATE 12-13-94
BY 6052/DMN

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HQ 98 TANK BN

FROM

190001 JAN 45

TO

192400 JAN 45

PLACE

NEIDERBETSCHDOLF F.R.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0730 | C/A reported in battle by enemy.
as CCR troops committed on night.
Heavy artillery barrage ordered to
repel same. our units placed
on the alert in event of breakthrough.
one crater hole filled in by logs
on road to Huhndorf this a.m.
PW states 88 Das of 16143345, adds
that A/R in town mount 75 mm gun
with 12 teams. | |
| 0822 | | ① | 0900 | Air Corp officer reported to this Hq
and was taken to Rittershoffen
by am S-2.
C.O. of our water company
giving a full report on the
condition of the water supply
from the wells in the area.
use the remaining rifle Co. of
Bismark Rd which is not now
committed to exploit without delay
any advantage gained. 98 will
be prepared for prompt movement
to the flanks & for further
reinforcement of troops in Rittershoffen
to exploit advantage gained by the
Inf. Flying conditions permitted field
artillery air operations, CO 315 should
expedite to the full the use of 4.2
mortar and FA in the Eastern area
of Rittershoffen & the approaches thereto
from the east & N.E. | |
| 0828 | | ② | | | |

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PLACE

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|---|-----------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 1400 | Concentration of G/3 on
ch point 23 in Ratterdyffer | |
| | | | 1315 | Verbal orders from C.C.B.
to make attack by fire from
1430-1500. | |
| | | | 1345 | orders to 1A48 & FO 500 | |
| 1700 | | (3) | 1622 | Msg from C.C.A - 52 II Corps reports
that the enemy has captured
a number of Amer. TAs. There
may be mixed with either Ger.
or Amer markings. | To all
Co's. |
| | | | 1645 | A-48 as Div Res. ordered
to remain in present area. | Msg to Co |
| | | | 1645 | A. 48 alerted 2 ths to replace
A. 48 on outpost | " |
| | | | 2030 | A. 48 make 1 Plat to A-48
area by 0800 20 Jan. | |

HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

19 January 1945

OPERATIONS OF 1A-48, 19 JAN 1945

1. Orders received at 1315 from CC A to make attack by fire on north flank of Rittershoffen from 1430 - 1500 with 1 plat A-48.
2. Orders issued to 1-A-48 and FO 500 FA south of Kuhlendorf at 1345.
3. Plat moved into position and began to fire at 1445 and continued to assault with fire until 1515.
4. Fire was placed on bldgs on northwest edge of Rittershoffen with HE and APC. HE was fired on superquick into trees around northwest edge of town. Cal 30 was fired on approaches to town and into buildings.
5. Ammo expenditures: 119 rds 76 HE
48 rds 76 APC
7500 rds 30 Cal
6. Observed effects:
Positive effects hard to determine - Several buildings destroyed - some fires started.
7. Some high velocity AT fire was received by platoon during above action.
8. The delay was due to intense arty falling in platoon assembly area. The change in time was coordinated with 315 Inf.

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Major, 48th Tank Battalion
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DAILY S-2 REPORT.

TO : C.C.A.

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| NO. PRISONERS TAKEN - | 0 |
| ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED - | 6 |
| ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED - | 0 |
| NO ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED - | 0 |

REPORT AS OF 1730.

(To be submitted to Hq CCA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

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From: 190001 JAN.
To: 192400 JAN.

HQ 48 TR BN
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Maps: HASENAU & SELTZ SHEETS, SCALE 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLOUDY - 500 Yds

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

*BN REMAINED on alert and in defensive position during the period.
A/B Plat fired from 1400-1430 in direction of 3-315. At 162335 in Ritter's happen 1A-480 fired long fires north west of Ritter's happen in conjunction with heavy arty from 1445-1510
~~Attended report to follow later JMS~~*

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Satisfactory

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Missions accomplished.

6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 1 | | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4(75) | 4 | 4 | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | | 1 | | |
| "B" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 1 | |
| | M4(76) | 11 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4(105) | | 1 | | |
| "D" Co | M5(37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 14 | 4 | 5 | |
| | M4(76) | 25 | | 1 | |
| | M4(105) | 4 | 2 | | |
| | M5(37) | 9 | | 2 | |

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 19.

Map: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and all but the SW corner of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - See ANNEX "C" G-2 Periodic Report #18 (overlay Defensive Organization).

c. Units in contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Ey relatively quiet during the early morning at beginning of period. At dawn ey armored activity was reported in the vic of 179347 and ey tks were reported assembling in the vic 167347. Throughout the daylight hours of the period this armored activity increased with ey tks being reported at various points in G.S. 1634 and G.S. 1734. Ey AT guns were located at 16703476, 13763464, 13303412, 17883426, 158342, 159343, 161347. Ey resistance in RITTERSHOFFEN continued to be very stiff although direct fire had decreased somewhat during the afternoon. The ey no longer occupies the church in that town, but has a formidable position in a large brick building in the rear of the church which he defends with S/A and A/A fire. In HATTEN the ey continued to resist stubbornly. Throughout the day continuous arty and mortar fire fell in the town approx one round every two minutes. Harassing med cal arty fell between 0800A and 1000A. Ey in town remained generally quiet during the morning and afternoon. In the late afternoon and evening ey activity increased considerably with pressure reported from the E. A few snipers attempted to infiltrate our positions.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Armor - Ey armor was again active during the period. 8 ey tks were KO'd by our AFVT and supporting artillery. A report by one of our ground observers indicates that the white camouflage used on some ey tanks is quite effective. A Mk VI or V tank about 125 yds directly in front of our OP was picked up only by investigation of a dark circle which proved to be the muzzle of the tank run. This tank was covered with white cloth, and was located on the forward slope of a snow covered hill.

(2) Artillery - Ey arty was less active in our rear areas for the period but increased somewhat on our front line troops in HATTEN. 88mm arty fell vic 160320 coming from direction of NIJDEBOEDERN. Harassing arty fire fell in NIJDEBOERSCHDORF during the day. Ey arty btry located at 135457 was taken under fire by our arty. One round of HE fell every 15 minutes at 15533396. In HATTEN continuous arty and mortar fire fell throughout the day, approx one round every two minutes.

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Single med cal arty fell from 0800A to 1000A. During the afternoon 50 to 100 rounds high velocity arty fire fell in the town. In RITTERSHOFFEN ey arty continued to fall throughout the period. OBERETSCHDORF received approx 75 rounds 105 to 170mm arty fire between 1030A and 1200A. 6 rounds of rocket fire fell at 17253570 as of 1715A coming from an azimuth of 2400 m. Our WOP picked up rocket flashes coming from 21613480. OBERHOEDERN and LEITERSHOFER received heavy shelling during the day.

(3) Infantry - MG nest vic of the church in RITTERSHOFFEN was destroyed and 7 ey killed. Ey strong point located at brick building in the rear of the church. Mortar fire in the town was slightly less intense for the period. Ey inf was observed at 165346 during the morning and was engaged by our arty. Ey 20mm flak gun was destroyed at 159343. In HATTEN ey was relatively quiet during the early part of the period, but activity increased somewhat in the evening. Approx four 120mm ey mortar were located in the E part of the town. Ey IG and personnel reported at 19003252 were fired on by our arty.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. OB - 10SS Pz Div - This Division, also known as Div 'FRUNDSBERG' (named for a famous German military leader in the XVI century) was formed in southwestern France in the winter of 1942-43. It was stationed in occupied France, but in the spring of 1944 it moved to southern Russia. It returned to the western front in July 1944 and fought in Normandy with heavy losses. After reorganization it was encountered in the Arnheim area in November, then remained in reserve for some time in Holland, but returned to Germany for refitting in the middle of December. It has now been out of contact since early in December. At one time it was thought to be part of the Sixth Panzer Army, but this was never definitely established. Its compositions is the following: 10SS Tk Regt, 21SS PGR, 22SS PGR, 10.8 Pz Recon Bn, 10SS Pz Engr Bn, 10SS AT Bn, 10SS Pz Arty Regt, 10SS Signal Bn, Services and possibly 10SS AA Bn and 10SS Assault Gun Bn. There is no reason to believe that the division is any weaker than the SS Pz Divs that were employed in the Wifal attack. The two PGR may each be estimated at 2000 combat effectives, and there may be 100 tks (Mk IV and Mk V) plus 25 Assault Guns in the Tk Regt. The personnel may to some extent be non-German.

b. Weather - 20 Jan 45 - Overcast with rain and snow showers in the morning and broken clouds in afternoon. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn, 5 - 6 by 1100A. Wind from West and NW 20 - 25 MPH, diminishing in afternoon. Min. temp. at dawn 25 degrees F.

21 Jan 45 - Clear sky at night with increasing low clouds during day. Visibility 6 miles at dawn and 10 miles in afternoon. Wind from W 12 MPH. Min. temp. 22 degrees F.

c. Total Pz during Period ----- 1
Total Pz to date ----- 1070

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

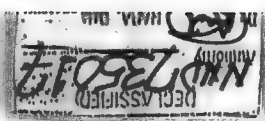
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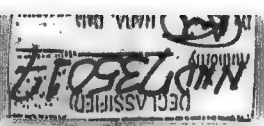
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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 19.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 172400A to 182400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Unit and Place of Capture</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. | New Identifications: | |
| | NONE | |
| b. | Old Identifications: | |
| | NONE | |
| c. | Miscellaneous: | |
| 1 | 20 Para Regt, 7 Para Div | evac thru med channels |
| Total during Period | | 1 |
| Total to Date | | 1070 |



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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 19.

FI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810; 6811; 6813.
G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII - 13 - 3 & 4.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 79495640 This single mobile gun has been removed.
- 2 78315698 This 4-gun light FA battery is now unoccupied.
- 3 75066173 One position in this 2-gun medium FA battery appears unoccupied.
- 4 75006185 This 6-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 77005615 3-gun light AA battery.
- 2 78756108, 78606062, 78716049 3-gun light AA battery at each LR now unoccupied.
- 3 78726091 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 4 80455935 This 3-gun light AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 5 80146045, 80116010, 80006000 3-gun light AA battery at each MR now unoccupied.
- 6 80106034 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 7 80766229 4-gun heavy AA battery.
- 8 77455740 This 3-gun light AA battery is now unoccupied.
- 9 77455938 This 4-gun heavy AA and 3-gun light batteries are now unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 86936181 4-gun heavy AA battery.
- 2 85356136 4-gun heavy AA battery.
- 3 85396121, 85246115, 85056105 3-gun light AA battery at each MR.

Map Sheet 6813.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 09235765 Formerly reported 5-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
- 2 09705853 Formerly reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
- 3 12205750 Formerly reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
- 4 18655762 Formerly reported 4-gun light battery now unoccupied.
- 5 19055715 Formerly reported 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 08755817 to 09075793 Communication trench.
- 2 14455740 to 14855735 Communication trench.
- 3 15495707 to 15805706 Communication trench.

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 - 3 & 4.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 11105430 - 10255387 - 10205430 Trench system through woods.
- 2 08505380 - 09055331 Trench in woods along edge of road.

B. OBSTACLES.

- 1 07065396 - 07155387 A/Tk ditch extended.
- 2 10705406 - 11005395 A/Tk ditch in woods.
- 3 09405345 & 09405327 Short A/Tk ditch at each point.
- 4 12705482 Short A/Tk ditch.

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TR BN.

FROM 200001 JAN. 45

TO 202400 JAN. 45

PLACE NIEDERBETS DORF, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL
NO. | TIME
DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION
TAKEN |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 1200 | Co. A. reverted to 48. | |
| | | | 1345 | Biv parties called for. | |
| | | | 1430 | Biv parties to C. C. A. | |
| | | | 1430 | Biv C. O. to C. C. A. | |
| | | | 1545 | Biv C. O. at C. P. W/andus. | |
| | | | 1545 | orders issued to C. O.'s
at Biv C. P. | |

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For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

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From: 200001 JAN
To: 202400 JAN

HQ. 48 JTBH.

NIEDERBETSDORE, FR.

No.

Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS, SCALE 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

SNOW - 200 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Bn - B-48 remained on alert for possible C/A mission to E or NE. B-48 continued direct support missions w/68 & 3-315 in P. Hershoffen. 13th parties sent to vic Hochfelden. Plans drawn up for covering of withdrawal of 14AD and 79 Inf Div to south on aisan.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Accomplished.

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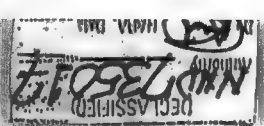
2. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4(75) | 4 | 4 | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | | 1 | | |
| "B" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 1 | |
| | M4(76) | 11 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M5(37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 14 | 4 | 5 | |
| | M4(76) | 26 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 5 | 1 | | |
| | M5(37) | 9 | | 2 | |

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F.O. NO. 39 (Maps: 1/50,000)

1. a. Omitted.
b. TFW w/dr. to HAGENAU defense line on Corps Order.
2. 315th Inf. (68 AIB & 2nd Bn, 313th attached for w/dr) commence w/dr at dark, 20 Jan. 1945 by infiltration. (Assemble at entrucking area, move by mtr. to rear assembly area). 2nd Bn. attached CCR for w/drawal, will move on CCR's transp. to rear assembly area (Overlay).
3. a. 3rd Bn, 315th commence w/drawal by infiltration from RITTERSHOFFEN at dark, 20 Jan. Leave shell consisting of one platoon w/auto wpns and tanks and TD's. Shell to w/draw commencing 210300. TD's revert to 1st Bn at pt. coord. w/1st Bn. Tanks revert to 48th TK Bn. after successful w/drawal of shell. (Coord w/CO, 48th Tk Bn) Rte of w/dr, entrucking area, rte to rear assembly area (Overlay).
b. 1st Bn - covering force of not less than one (1) Co. to occupy position W. of RITTERSHOFFEN to cover w/drawal main body from RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. Covering force to commence w/drawal at 0500; TD's act as rear gd. covering force for Bn. Rtes, Assembly area, entruck. pt., rtes to rear assembly area. (Overlay).
c. 2nd Bn move from entruck. area East end NEIDERBETSCHDORF under control Bn. Comdr. Notify Regt. when ready to move, for clearance. Revert veh. to 14th Armd Div. control at detrucking point (Overlay).
d. 68th A.I. Bn. - commence w/dr. from RITTERSHOFFEN by infiltration at dark. Leave shell consisting of one (1) Platoon w/auto. wpns., & tks. Shell to commence w/draw. at 210300; Tks. revert 48th Tk. Bn. after w/drawal. (Coord. with CO, 48th Tk. Bn) 68th A.I. Bn. revert to 14th Armd control at entruck area (Overlay).
e. A.T. Co. - Coord. w/dr. A.T. guns in RITTERSHOFFEN w/3rd Bn to commence at dark. Move to new assembly area 192000 Jan. (Overlay) 0400
f. Cn. Co. - Remain in position until 210500 to support covering force w/drawal. Road march at that time to new assembly area (Overlay).
g. Hq. Co. - Commence infiltration w/drawal at 201900 to new area. Operations (front and rear) move on order.
h. Co. "C", 304th Med. Bn. - move to new assembly area by infiltration commencing at once. Leave shell of evac. personnel to w/draw 210500 Jan. Rte, assembly area (Overlay).
i. Tks and TD's - move under control of units to which attached until w/drawn behind covering force. Tanks revert control 48th Tk. Bn. at that time. TD's now at RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN attached 1st Bn for covering force; w/draw with covering force commencing 210500, as rear guard. Revert 14th Armd control at SURBOURG.
j. IAR Platoon; Guides on rte from NEIDERBETSCHDORF to destination. IAR Platoon Ldr will accompany rear gd. to pick up guides on own transportation.
k. Co. "B", 2nd Chem Bn - Road march (8) Platoon to assembly area at dark; Road march remainder of Co. at 202100 Jan. to assembly area. Rte, assembly area (Overlay).
l. 2nd Bn, 313th - Commence w/drawal at 201830. 15 GM Trucks avail. Retain control of trucks upon arrival new area. Disposition by G-4 later. Revert control 313th Inf. new area.
m. (1) Utmost care must be taken to assure secrecy of movement. Caution in breaking contact w/en. is very necessary.
(2) All property, vehicles, and am. units which cannot be w/draw, must be thoroughly destroyed prior to departure, to safeguard against falling into En. hands.
(3) Units will notify Regt. when ready to entruck for clearances. All avail. trans. to move to new area by infiltration as early as possible.
(4) Q.M. Veh. retained in Bn. areas subject to regt. Call on arrival new area.
4. Truckhead daily - MORMANNHEIM.
5. a. Radio - Normal. No mention of movement over air.
b. GP's (Overlay) Close present location 210500; Open new area on arrival.

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40TH ENGRS
TK'S 781ST TK. BN.

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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No 20.

MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000. Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LITERSWILLER (R-1536) -- RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and all but the SW corner of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - See Annex "C".

c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - During hours of darkness in this period ey was relatively quiet with an increase in flare activity noted. Green, red, and white flares seen S of HATTEN. Daylight brought on the continuation of heavy fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. The ey launched two strong attacks against HATTEN at 0800A and 1210A. The attacks were supported by intense arty and mortar barrages, SA, AW, and tk fire; repulsed after bitter fighting with little loss of ground. After the attacks were repulsed HATTEN received only intermittent mortar, flat trajectory arty fire from ridge N of town, medium arty from direction of BUEHL (R-1935) and sniping in E part of town. Ey continued very sensitive to advances in RITTERSHOFFEN, replied to our tank fire with intense high velocity gun fire from woods N of town. At close of period heavy vehicular traffic was reported on the BUEHL--HATTEN road.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - At 0735A TF WAHL reported considerable armor on ridge N of HATTEN. Ey tk observed at R-165327 at 0830A. 2 ey tks and 3 half-tracks observed at R-168347 at 0910A. At 1030A 3 ey tks observed R-16713464 firing toward HATTEN. Ey tks reported firing into HATTEN from R-178343 at 1100A. At 1115A, 3 ey tks observed at R-16653450, fired in by our arty with a direct hit on one. At 1145A, CCB reported 1 Mk V or VI hit, left burning, second tk hit, near miss on third tk vic R-171347. 2 or 3 Mk VI reported at R-180341 at 1320A.

(2) Artillery - Ey arty not very active in Div sector except in HATTEN. Two ey attacks in HATTEN preceded by an intense flat trajectory arty barrage. Med arty fell from the NE throughout the afternoon in HATTEN. Several rounds of high trajectory light arty fire fell vic R-10593473 at 0930A. At 1340A, 20 rds of 105mm fire fell at R-17253570. HOFWILLER (R-1236) received 15 rds of 105mm fire at 1530A. 3 rds of med arty fell vic HOFELSCHLOCH (R-0735) at 2115A.

(3) Infantry - At 0300A ey launched a strong attack from NE, E, and SE by unestimated number of Inf supported by all types Inf weapons against our positions in HATTEN. Attack stopped at 0900A with no loss of ground. At 1210A ey attacked again supported by possibly 3 or 4 tks, made slight gains and was repulsed by 1530A. Since then HATTEN subjected to intermittent mortar and flat trajectory arty from ridge N of town. In RITTERSHOFFEN ey resistance continues stiff. Ey moved out of church but retained strongpoint in adjacent building. At 1630A, 50-man ey patrol

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reported at R-202311. Ey activity reported around pillbox R-17943423 at 1450A, pillbox R-17873398 at 1045A, and pillbox R-18003437 at 1615A. Reported at 1910A that AT guns in the Southern tip of RITTERSHOFFEN continue to fire on our tks and armored vehicles in spite of heavy shelling by our arty and tks. At close of period ey was ominously quiet in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather - 21 Jan 45 - Clear in early morning, becoming scattered to broken low clouds after 0930A to haze and light fog, improving rapidly to 6-8 miles after 0930A. Wind from NW, 4-8 mph. Colder. Minimum temperature 25 degrees Fahrenheit.
22 Jan 45 - High clouds in early morning with scattered low clouds after 1100A, becoming overcast after 2000A. No precipitation except light snow after 2200A. Visibility 1/2-1 mile, improving to 3-4 miles after 1100A. Wind from SW, 4-8 mph, increasing to 12-14 after 1600A. Colder. Minimum temperature 16 degrees Fahrenheit.

b. Total PWs during period - 2
Total PWs to date, - 1072
(See Annex "A")

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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Annex "A" - IPW Report.
Annex "B" - PI Report.
Annex "C" - Overlay - Defensive Organization.

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 20.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 182400A to 192400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

| <u>NO</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>UNIT AND PLACE</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. New Identifications: | | |
| N O N E | | |
| b. Old Identifications: | | |
| 2 | 3/55 Pz Gren Regt, 25 Pz Gren Div | 19 AIB - HATTEN |
| Total PWs during period - 2 | | |
| Total PWs to date - 1072 | | |

2. Unit:

3/35 Pz Gren Regt, 25 Pz Gren Div - PWs joined 3rd Co on 26 Dec 44 in RHEINE, Westph. They were trained by Pz Gren Repl Bn 4 -- ISERLOHN, Westph. Went to vic PIRMASENS on 7 Jan 45, where they stayed for 2 days. 3rd Co occupied sector from 17413319 down to the RR and along the RR to 17703310. 2nd Co was on left of 3rd Co also along RR up to about 18403319. 3rd Co CP in cellar of house at 17803315. 1st Bn CP in bunker at 18383336. AT gun at 17903313. PW claimed that before mentioned AT gun knocked out about 3 tanks on 13 Jan 45 at 1030 hr during attack on RR station and apparently on southern approaches of HATTEN, and helped in knocking out about 10 tanks on 17 Jan 45 at 1100 hr. 1 American PW was taken during the 1st attack.

On 19 Jan 45 at 0200, PWs deserted from their lines, walked over to woods vic 178323 turned west and continued west until fired on from house at 16093237. They walked out of woods with raised hands and surrendered. PWs were amazed that woods were so sparsely held.

PWs only know of 3rd Co in 1st Bn. Co strength ca. 80 men. 3 Plats per Co, 3 Sqds per Plat. 1 MG per Sqd, 3 Pz FAUST per Sqd. Individual armament, rifle. Losses of Co light.

3. Personalities:

3rd Co, 35 Pz Gren Regt CO 3rd Co Oberlt Schwarz

4. Miscellaneous:

Arty fire on positions of 3rd Co was very heavy but PW claims that only 2 casualties were inflicted during 8 Days.

PWs usually eat in vic 177333, and when relieved they sleep in houses in that vic.

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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 20.

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6812, 6813, 6814, 6815,
7014, 7015, 7114, 7115, 7214.

G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII - 13 - 142,
XXXIX - 13 - 142,
XXXIX - 14 - 142,
XXXIX - 15 - 142.

General Note:

Considerable activity is seen in the neighborhood of WINZENBACH (R-2436), KREIBACH (R-2436) and NIEDERROEDERN (R-2234). There are a number of both FA and AA batteries, and some M.T. are seen, and the trackage in the area is very heavy.

South of KLINGENMUNSTER (R-2060), KORSHEIM (R-2463), STEINWEILER (R-2950) and ERLBACH (R-3357), many batteries, both FA and AA, have become unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6812:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 04156039 This 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
2 03456047 This 2-gun light FA position now unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6813:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 10556064 Previously reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
2 09606061 Previously reported 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.

B. OBSTACLES.

- 1 13976063 - 14206082 Trees felled across road.
2 14296097 - 14436118 Trees felled across road.

Map Sheet 6814:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 29615625 This formerly reported 3-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.
2 25756284 This 4-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 21105956 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
2 21245955 & 21525946 These two 3-gun light AA batteries are now unoccupied.
3 28276420 4 positions of this 8-gun heavy AA battery is still believed occupied.
4 29505790 These four light AA gun positions at STEINWEILER are now unoccupied.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 21106150 - 21106110 Communication trench.
2 30406156 Small trench system.
3 31006190 Trench extended.

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Map Sheet 6815:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1 33405664 & 35155565 These 4-gun light FA batteries are now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 32905670 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
2 32805664 This 3-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

1 33505780 Small trench system under construction.
2 31606090 - 31506152 Trench system under construction.
3 31926120 - 31986141 - 32246137 Trench system.
4 36905727 Small trench system.

Map Sheet 7014:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1 22453473 2-gun light FA battery.
2 23113500 4-gun light FA battery.
3 24133573 Probable 2-gun light FA battery.
4 23603645 3-gun light FA battery.
5 23593660 Probable 3-gun light FA battery.
6 26163447 Probable 4-gun light FA battery.
7 22863434 Probable 2-gun light FA battery.
8 28333563 Probable 4-gun light FA battery.
9 28453576 Delete formerly reported unoccupied gun emplacement.
10 21703455 2-gun light FA battery.
11 24553610 Possible 3-gun battery.
12 25783725 Possible single light FA gun.
13 24103653 2, possibly 3, light FA guns.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 26853504 & 26053463 Three, possibly 4-gun light AA battery at each M.R.
2 26953500 4-gun heavy AA battery where formerly was reported a 2-gun SP battery.
3 232348 2 possible AA SP. These are light guns.
4 22103420, 22103406 & 34203410 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.
5 23053430 Probable 4-gun heavy AA battery.
6 24353506 & 24003537 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.
7 23423585 & 24803639 Probable battery of mine S/Ls, or possibly light AA guns at each M.R.
8 24653687 Probable 10 light AA guns.
9 25723744 This previously reported 6-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
10 26813665 3-gun light AA/SP battery.
11 25853784 3-gun light AA battery.
12 27053653 Probable 3-gun light AA battery.
13 26643606 3-gun AA/SP battery.
14 27163528 & 26953520 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.

C. MISCELLANEOUS.

1 23413416 Military activity; several vehicles and much truckage.
2 23153485 Nine MT at this location.
3 26883455 Six MT at this location. Considerable truckage here at edge of woods.

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Map Sheet 7015:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.
 1 39394034 Probable unoccupied 3-gun light FA battery.
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
 1 33104124 Previously reported 4-gun heavy AA battery now appears to be a 6-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet 7114:

- A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
 1 26493315 This battery previously reported as four light FA guns is now believed to be four light AA.
 2 21872925 Four unoccupied emplacements for SP guns.
 3 26753260 Three 3-gun light AA batteries.
 4 27603225 A 4-gun and 3-gun light AA battery.
 5 24103065 Trackage and probable 3 or 4-gun light AA battery.
 6 26452931, 26352919 & 26302910 Light AA gun at each M.R.
- B. FIXED DEFENSES.
 1 29552312 Shelter. (Confirms purple info on Defense overprint).
 2 29292310 Trench and MG post.
 3 29152350 - 29002337 Trench.
 4 27722577 Pillbox. (Confirms purple info on Defense overprint).
 5 29052350 Trench and MG post.
 6 299237 Shelter.
 7 299243 Shelter shown in purple is believed to be pillbox.

Map Sheet 7115:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.
 1 32382875 This previously reported 4-gun light FA battery appears to be unoccupied. The guns may have moved into the four casemates to the rear of the battery.
- B. FIXED DEFENSES.
 1 32782829 - 33302835 Communication trench extended.
 2 33602953 Pillbox.
 3 36953073 Shelter or pillbox under construction.

Map Sheet 7214:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.
 1 21052178 Unoccupied 4-gun light FA battery.
- B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
 1 20001524 & 20001535 4-gun heavy AA battery at each M.R.
- C. FIXED DEFENSES
 1 20501785 - 21321910 Communication trench between pillboxed on Eastern bank of RHINE River.

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 - 1&2:

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.
 1 90935091
 2 90615045 This 6-gun medium FA battery is now unoccupied. 3-gun medium battery.

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Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 1&2:

- A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1 16385025 3 1/2 gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 14 - 1&2:

- 1 16423426 At this coordinate is seen considerable trackage of military vehicles. There are tracks of at least one tank connecting this point with the town of KITTERSHOFFEN, and there are also tracks connecting the town of HATTEN. It is possible that this part of the hill may be an enemy OP.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 15 - 1&2:

- A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1 15821193, 15931178, 16151200, } Three AA/MGs at each M.R.
13951335 & 13861335
2 13561300 & 13751245 These three light AA batteries are now occupied.

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Map Sheet 7114:

- 1 23602335 This bridge has been repaired and is now opened for two lane traffic.

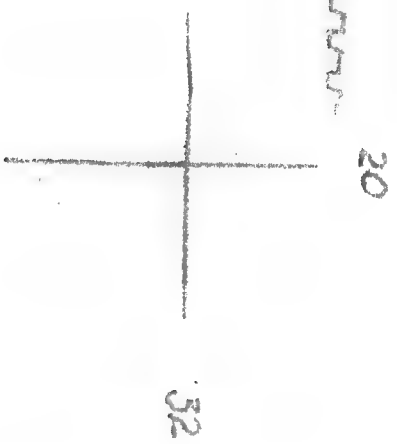
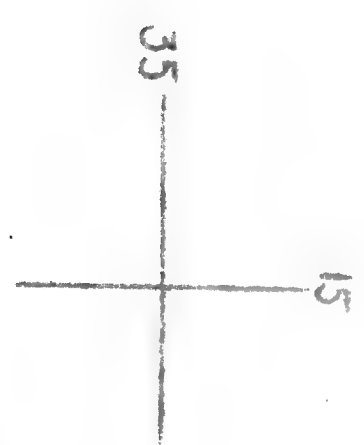
REPORTS ON RHINE RIVER CROSSINGS

- 1 R-276271 Ferry in operation. Single lane approaches.
2 R-32453704 70' of ponton equipment tied up to East bank of RHINE.

RITTERSHOFFEN & HATTEN
 DEFENSE OVERLAY
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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TIC BN.

FROM 210001 JAN. 45

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PLACE WINZENHEIM FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0640 | Bn C.P. closed at Niederstotzingen | |
| | | | 0700 | Bn C.P. in Schwabwiler | |
| | | | 0740 | Msg fr. - In position at K&M | |
| | 0745 | | 0745 | Msg to C.C.A. | |
| | | | | C Co has reached M & K | |
| | | | | B Co in assembly area. | |
| | | | | A Co at B. | |
| | | | | D Co at F | |
| | | | 0835 | Msg from CCA - Jennifer. | |
| | | | 0900 | Bn C.P. closed at Schwabwiler | |
| | | | 0900 | Bn C.P. in Column | |
| | | | 1040 | Bn C.P. south of Sanktoney | |
| | | | 1320 | Bn C.P. on route. | |
| | | | 1710 | Bn C.P. at Winzenheim. | |

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS No. 29 (Issued orally to Ln Os)

1. The blocking detachments at KIEFFENACH - SCHOENENBOURG - HOFFEN - LIETERSWILLER and RITTERSHOFFEN are scheduled to leave their positions to begin march to the south at 0500 today 21 Jan. These columns are short, about 5 trucks each. They may clear SURBOURG about 0600.
2. This command, the rear guard, follows these detachments without distance. Tentative order of march: 62(-) C-94(-) 500 Hq & Hq CCA C-125(-) 48.
3. No unit will leave its position without orders from this Hq, except that if hard pressed by the enemy, the forward units are authorized to fight a hard delaying action and holding the enemy beyond the line: OBERBETSCHDORF - high ground at 116350 and hill 700 yards south of SOULTZ pending orders from this headquarters.
3. Authority to start movement will be given by liaison officer, voice radio, or CW radio. If radio is used, the word "JENNIFER" will be used as a code word to start movement of the unit.
Route for all units: SURBOURG - HAGUENAU then to WILWISHEIM area as directed by military police. 500 from HAGUENAU to firing positions UHRWILLER. Released from CCA upon clearing HAGUENAU.
4. 62 send blocking detachment east on HAGUENAU - SOUFFLENHEIM Rd to distances of 3 to 5 thousand meters to protect east flank of column until cleared. Approximately a rifle platoon supported by two anti-tank guns will be used. Maintain contact with CCA column and withdraw with rear guard of 48. All units be prepared to fire on infiltration parties along flanks and protect themselves against air attack. Artillery harassing is light. Be particularly alert throughout the night against enemy infiltration around flanks and to rear of units.
5. Keep this Hq fully informed of developments ^{By} ~~but present~~ ^{BRIEF} reports by radio.

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To: 212400 JAN.

HQ 48 Jk Bn.

WINTZENHEIM, FR.

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Maps: SAVERNE SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Covered withdrawal of 140 D & 79 Inf Div
from Hatten-Rittershoffen area ^{successfully} delay in gk by
bounds to the west and south through Hagemaun.
Closed in bivouac area vic Wintzenheim
at 2000, 21 Jan

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Successful coverage of with-
drawal w/ no casualties

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS.

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| A Co | M4(75) | 4 | 4 | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | | 1 | | |
| B Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 1 | |
| | M4(76) | 11 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| C Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| D Co | M5(37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 14 | 4 | 5 | |
| | M4(76) | 26 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 5 | 1 | | |
| | M5(37) | 9 | | 2 | |

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| | | | 1030 | Msg from C.O.D. - Bn C.O.
meeting at Div. | |
| | | | 1300 | Bn C.O. to Div. & C.O.D. | |
| | | | 1300 | S2 & S3, inspection of Co's
mess - personnel & equipment. | |
| | | | 1900 | Co. C.O. meeting and Bn Hq.
Notes enclosed | |

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1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY (21 JAN.)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY (21 JAN.)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY (21 JAN.)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

MAINTENANCE VEHICLES & WEAPONS

CLEANING OF PERSONNEL

TRAINING OF REINFORCEMENTS

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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- OVER -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | ④ 9 | 9 | ① | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | ① | 1 | | |
| "B" Co | M4 (75) | ④ 4 | | ② 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 11 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 15 18 | 9 | 5 | |
| | M4 (76) | 26 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 6 | 1 | | |
| | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |

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- b. Push attacks further
11. move to No. -
- 1-a. Q.C.B. on W.
 - b. To stop 9/a through Hay
forked
 - c. Disposition of Germans
- 2-a. Dr of Hay toward Bruchweiler
- b. Canals & waterways
3. No area safe.
12. Tk Co for Inf. Co.
- a. Btfr 62 - Co 62 to 48
 - b. Linsellheim - location of 62
13. Traffic
- a. Move off road - civilians
 - b. Roads bad.
 - c. Responsibility of ea. off 2 11.00
 - d. Right line south of here
Wasselnheim - Wackerlone -
Savern - Phalsburg.
14. Bu. listening watch.
15. 12 AD in Army Res.
21. P2 elements in Bruchweiler
- Operations Div coming in -
16. Security discussion
- a. guard responsibility up to
Co C.O.
 - b. Plt Ldr to check guard
twice a night
- S-3
1. Tank movements
 2. Insp of weapons.
 3. Check 50 cal ammo.
- S-2 - 1. Password -
2. Dr Briefing

Notes of Bn C.O. Meeting

1. Reference: Memo, 22 Jan.
 - a. Train reorganizations
 - b. Insp. of weapons
 - c. Equipment
2. Ref. Ltr. - Appearance & Uniforms
 - a. Officers appearance
 - b. Men's appearance
 - c. Mil. clothing
3. Communications
 - a. To be corrected
 - b. Test at close range
4. Decorations
5. Passes to Paris
 - a. Outstanding off & men.
6. Open Memo
 - a. Prepare to attack N or N &
 - b. Enemy Agents
 - c. Rehabilitation
 - d. Recreation
 - e. Maintenance
7. Security
 - a. Responsibility of Co C.O. & Plt Ldrs.
 - b. Case of 12 AP.
 - c. One man awake in each tank.
 - d. Co area responsibility of Co to entrances of tank.
 - e. Black roads.
8. Battle Experiences
 - a. To men by Platoons
 - b. Critiques of our exercises to be turned in
9. B-2
 - a. Enemy agents
 - b. Rigid security
10. H Memo. Inf training
 - a. All off Bn C.O. read

- Ex 0 - 1. Trapper
2. The approach
3. Trip schedule
4. Occupations of med & FOs
S1 - 1. Identification report
2. Mechanism of communication
3. Efficiency report -

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Vic: DETTWILLER (Q802172)
211800 January 1945.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

1. Upon closing in assembly area Div is alerted to Atk to N or NE on two hours notice.
2. While in assembly area all units will be especially alert to apprehend enemy agents operating in this area and will execute rigid security measures to prevent a surprise Atk.
3. In order of priority units will:
 - a. Initiate a positive program to insure repair, maintenance and replacement of weapons, vehicles and individual clothing and equipment.
 - b. Provide a recreation and rehabilitation program for troops recently in combat.
 - c. Continue training and orientation of replacements.
 - d. Initiate training program outlined in previous Operations Memoranda.

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|------|-----|------------|------------|--|--------------|
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| | | | 0900 | B-48 ASSIGNED TO 62 | |
| | | | 1130 | REVIEW ARRANGED FOR BRONZE STARS. | |
| | | | 1200 | C-62 REPORTS TO 48 | |
| | | | 1500 | REVIEW BY BRIG GEN SMITH
DECORATION OF BRONZE STARS. | |
| 1334 | | ① | 1530 | Msg from CCA-
1. Institute R & Rev of
route Wasselane-Hackfelden
2. Camouflage of vehicles.
Sentin report and Rev
overlook submitted to
C. I. D. Gen | |
| | | | 1730 | | |

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HQ. 48 TR BN.

WINTZENHEIM, FR.

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Maps: SAVERNE SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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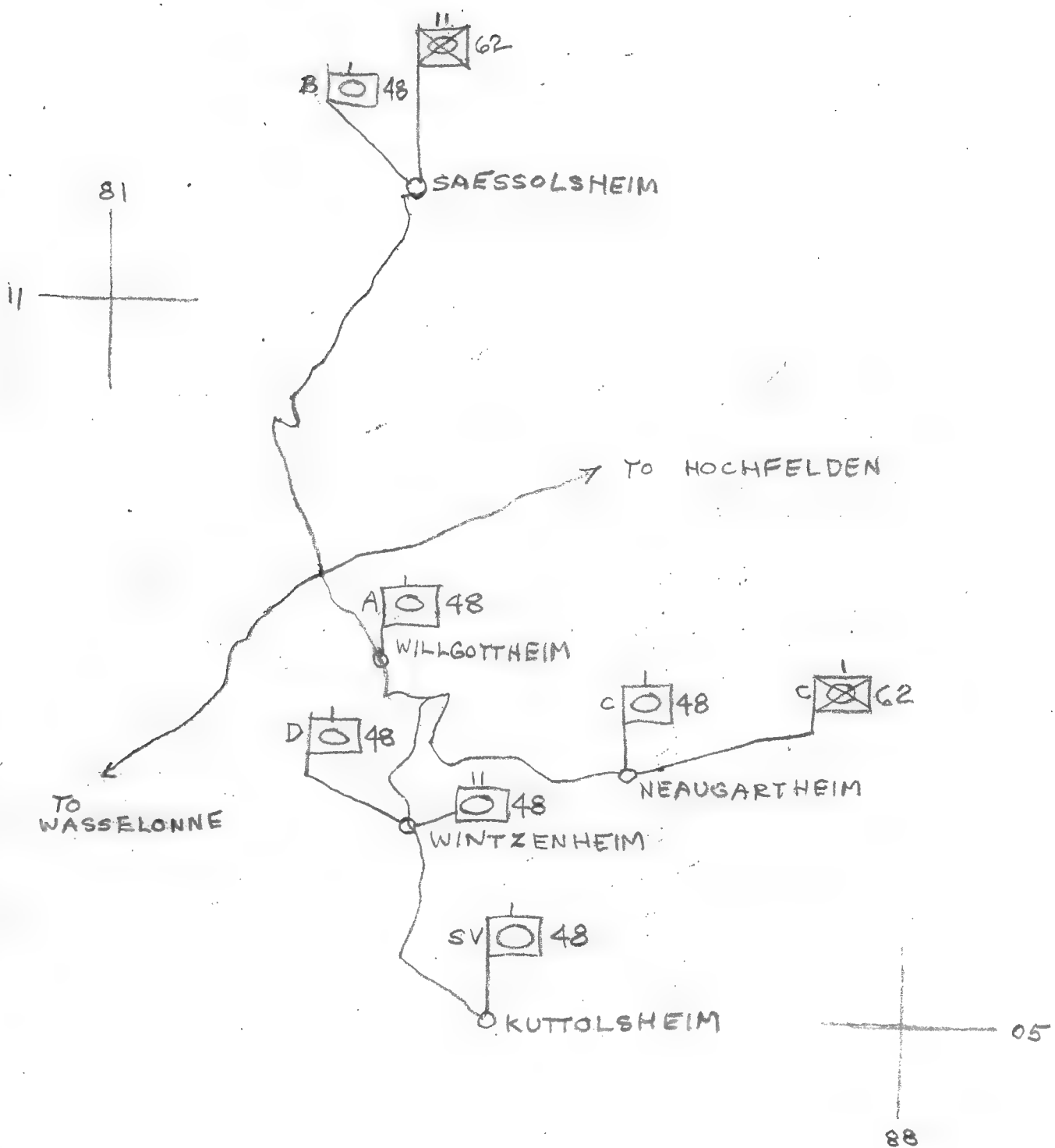
8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4(75) | 8 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | M4(75) | | | | |
| | M4(76) | W/62 A1B | | | |
| | M4(105) | | | | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | 1 | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M4(37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 13 | | 4 | |
| | M4(76) | 14 | 1 | | |
| | M4(105) | 5 | | | |
| | M5(37) | 9 | | 2 | |

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Hq 14 AD
23 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 39.

1. ARMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey launched several counterattacks NE of EULHOUSE. One counterattack forced the French to withdraw from hill NE of EULHOUSE. Ey patrols were active near KAYSERSBERG. In the KILSTETT area, the Bn surrounded there was relieved and 300 PNs were taken, all from the 553rd Inf Div.

b. Seventh US Army:

IX Corps: Main ey activity centered on the flanks of Corps zone. Center of zone relatively quiet. 16th Div - 25 ey tks seen moving from OFFENDORF (R-1312) toward WEYERSHEIM (Q412) around 1800A. During night, ey patrols driven off with hvy casualties at R-103184 and R-09176. Ey arty light and scattered. 79th Div - Considerable ey build-up vic OBERHOPFEN (R-0919), CAMP DE OBERHOPFEN (R-0822) and BOIS DE OBERHOPFEN (R-0819) with Inf, tks, horse-drawn arty and AT guns. 200 vehicles reported moving in woods NE of BISCHMILLER (R-0818) and OBERHOPFEN (R-0919) -- possibly also of 21st Pz and 7 Para Divs moving S. Ey patrols active vic HAGUENAU (R-0424). At 0600A, 10 ey tks were reported approaching HAGUENAU from the N. Heavy movement observed up and down the S bank of the RHINE. Very heavy AA fire in this area, even firing on our cubes. 103rd Div - Ey infiltrated behind our positions in OFFMILLER (Q-8534) and captured that town; at the same time an estimated Bn launched an unsuccessful counterattack at Q-8533. Ey column of trucks on both sides of road running SW from Q-884336 observed during the night. 45th Div - Heavy movement observed towards ZINSMILLER (Q-8935). At approximately 1650A, a 4-mile column of foot troops plus 100 vehicles extending from Q-890360 almost to BANNENTHAL (Q-8342) attacked by our fighter-bombers. Another column was observed on the road from Q-822425 NE through BANNSTEIN (Q-8344) toward WALDECK (Q-8446).

XV Corps: Quiet.

XXI Corps: Rail activity heard in FORBACH last 3 to 4 nights.

c. Third US Army:

AA Corps: Ey counterattack estimated Bn strength supported by 5-10 tks retook NEERING.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. SHAEP estimates 335,000 ey plus 660 tks to be in action on the Western Front.

b. Weather: 24 Jan 45 - Broken to overcast low clouds throughout period. Intermittent light snow showers. Visibility 1 - 3 miles at dawn, improving to 2 - 5 miles by 1200A. Wind 4 9 a.p.h. Minimum temperature 24 degrees F.

25 Jan 45 - Clear at dawn, increasing low clouds throughout day. Generally scattered in morning, broken in afternoon. Visibility 6 - 10 miles. Wind NW 12 a.p.h. Minimum temperature 27 degrees F.

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TIC Bn.
FROM 24000 JAN. 45
TO 242400 JAN. 45
PLACE WINTZENHEIM, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL
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TAKEN |
|------|-----|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | ① | 1000 | Plan 1, 2, 2A, 3, 4 reviewed
from C.C.A. Plan established
by Plan 1-48 | |
| | | | 1530 | Security lecture by VI Corps. | |
| | | | 1830 | Co. C.O.'s meeting | |
| | | | 1830 | Plan 1, 2, 3, 4 of Bn atk submitted
to Co. P.O.'s & C.C.A. | |

(To be submitted to Hq CCA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

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From: 230001 JAN
To: 242400 JAN

HQ. 48TH BN.

WINZENHEIM, FR.

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Maps: SAVERNE SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY (23 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY (23 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY (23 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Clear - Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

MAINTENANCE OF WEAPONS & VEHICLES
TRAINING OF REINFORCEMENTS
SECURITY LECTURE BY LT BAKER II CORPS.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

- over -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | 8 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | M4 (75) | | | | |
| | M4 (76) | W/62 | A | B | |
| | M4 (105) | | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | 1 | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 13 | | 4 | |
| | M4 (76) | 14 | 1 | | |
| | M4 (105) | 5 | | | |
| | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

Note: To be submitted in single copy.

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Notes of Bn C.O. meeting
25 Jan.

C.O.

1. Sanitation
kitchens
2. Panels - not to be displayed
3. Mil Courtesy & discipline.
4. Talk to reinforcements personally
by Bn & Co. Commanders
a. assign positions.
5. Commissioning of enl. men.
a. Select N.C.O.s who are holding
officers positions
6. Security
a. 1st Rep. checking.
7. Organize maintenance
a. Camouflage vehicles
8. Plans for movement to S & E
~~1. C.O. to Lt. Col.~~
2.
9. Prep vehicles for movement.

S2 - 1. By situation

Lt Col - 1. Briefing notes

Lt Col - 1. No one on phase A, C, D.

2. C Co prep using leg hts

3 - Camouflage point.

4 - Rations for B-48 & A-62

5 - Blackout of windows

6 - Reporting by officers

7 - Promotion of officers

8 - Huffle bags

S3 - 1. Finish on 25 Jan.

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Plans of Atk from Present Location

Plan 1

Mission: Atk with 62 on axis Ettendorf - Ingwiller to restore MLR.

Plan

- a.) 48 assemble W of Ettendorf
 - 1) Order of March
 - 2-C-94
 - A-48
 - Bn Hq & Hq Co
 - C-62
 - C-48
 - D-48
 - 2-C-125
 - Combat Tns
 - Bn Maint
- b.) A-48 establish base of fire on high ground NW Ettendorf to support atk of 62 on left
- c.) C-62 close support A-48
- d.) A/G (massed upon arrival in assemb area) take positions to support atk, select alternate positions, displace forward when 4000-5000 yds to rear atk echelon
- e.) Mortar plt select positions for close support of atk echelon, select alternate positions
- f.) 2-C-94 make contact w/ey, then screen left flank, maintain contact with all advanced echelons 62
- g.) C-48, 2-C-125 in Bn res vic CO party
- h.) D-48 protect rt flank and rear
- i.) 1 plt C-48 to CCA Res, Altdorf
- j.) CP, enter assembly area, then rear of atk echelon

Plan 2

Mission: Atk with 62 on left on axis Huttendorf-Marschwiller, Davendorf to seize high ground to west of Davendorf and prevent further penetration of Corps zone.

Plan:

- a.) 48 assemble vic Morschwiller
 - 1) Order of March, same as plan 1
- b.) 2-C-94 make contact w/ey, then screen left flank, maintain contact w/62
- c.) A-48 lead atk, two plts up
- d.) C-62 close support A-48
- e.) Mort Plt, same as plan 1

Plan 2 (cont'd)

- f.) A/G, same as plan 1
 - g.) C-48(-), 2-C-125 in Bn Res vic CO party
 - h.) D-48 protect right flank and rear
 - i.) 1-C-48 in CCA reserve at Minversheim
 - j.) CP center assembly area, then rear of atk echelon
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Plan 2 A

Mission: Atk w/62 on axis Brumath-Hagenau to restore MLR

Plan:

- a.) 48 assemble vic Kriegsheim prepared to atk on axis Niederschoeffelsheim-Hagenau
 - b.) 2-C-94 make contact w/ey, then screen left flank, maintain contact all adv echelons, 62
 - c.) A-48 lead attack on right of 62, two plts up
 - d.) C-62 close support A-48, prepared to pass thru if atk encounters close terrain
 - e.) 2-C-125, Bn Res vic CO party
 - f.) Mortar Plt, same as plan 1
 - g.) A/G same as plan 1
 - h.) D-48 protect right flank and rear
 - i.) C-48, CCA RES at Rattlesheim
 - j.) CP, center assemb area, then rear of atk echelon
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Plan 3

Mission: Atk E, NE, or thru 62 to SE from vic Wahlenheim to prevent further enemy penetration to west.

Plan:

- a.) 48 assemble vic Wahlenheim
 - 1) Order of March, same as plan 1
 - b.) 2-C-94 make contact with ey if attack is E or NE, guide Bn thru 62 if atk is SE thru 62, then screen right flank
 - c.) A-48 lead atk, two plts up
 - d.) C-48 close support A-48, prepared to move to either flank A-48 to form two column atk
 - e.) C-62, 2-C-125, Bn Res vic CO party
 - f.) Mortar Plt, same as plan 1
 - g.) A/G, same as plan 1
 - h.) D-48 protect left flank and rear
 - i.) CP, center assembly area, then rear atk echelon
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Plan 4

Mission: Atk w/b2 on axis Landersheim-Strasbourg against
ey penetration and restore MLR

Plan:

- a.) 48 assemble vic Pfulgriesheim
1) Order of March, same as plan 1
- b.) 2-C-94 establish contact w/ey then screen left
flank in front of G-48
- c.) A-48 lead atk with two plt up
- d.) G-62 protect right flank in close support of A-48
- e.) 2-C-125, Bn Res vic CO party
- f.) Mort plt, same as plan 1
- g.) A/G same as plan 1
- h.) D-48 to CCA Res, follow CP CCA on axis 62
(Shnerheim, Oberhausbergen) initially, then to
assemb Offenheim
- i.) C-48 protect left flank and rear
- j.) CP, center assemb area, then rear atk echelon

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PLAN 4 AND 6

MISSION: CCA atk on axis LANDERSHEIM - STRASBOURG, destroy enemy forces making penetration and restore MLR.

- PLAN:
- a. 62(-C) plus B-48, 1-C-125, and 1-C-94 atk on axis SCHNERSHEIM (Q8706) - OBERHAUSBERGEN (Q9601) - STRASBOURG. Destroy enemy in zone.
 - b. 48(-B) plus C-62, 2-C-125, and 2-C-94 atk on axis SCHNERSHEIM (Q8706) - TRUCHTERSHEIM - PFULGRIESHEIM (Q9505) MITTELHAUSBERGEN - CR (Q000005). Destroy enemy in zone.
 - c. CCA Res: C-94(-), C-125(-) and D-48. Follow CP CCA on axis 62, then OFFENHEIM initially.
 - d. CP CCA: Axis of 62, then OFFENHEIM initially.
 - x. IP: RJ 869069.

Route: Overlay.

Report lines will be established and reports submitted by prescribed diagraph. Otherwise radio silence until contact.
Report road jams and serious delay by peep messenger at once.

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PLAN 5

MISSION: CCA attack on axis ETTENDORF (Q8823) - INGWILLER (Q8030). Destroy enemy S of MLR and restore MLR of 103 Inf Div.

- PLAN:
- a. 62 (-2 rifle cos) plus B-48, 1-C-125, and 1-C-94 assemble S of KIRRWILLER prepared to push rapidly NW, destroy enemy in zone and restore MLR.
 - b. 48(-B) plus C-62, 2-C-125, and 2-C-94 assemble NW of ETTENDORF, establish base of fire to support atk of 62, and prepare to exploit their successes and restore MLR.
 - c. 500 follows 48, goes into firing position E of LIXHAUSEN, supports 48 and 62.
 - d. CCA Res: A-48, C-94(-), C-125(-3plat), assemble ALTDORF.
 - e. GP CCA: LIXHAUSEN.
 - x. IP: Overlay.

Route: Overlay.

Report lines will be established and reports submitted by prescribed diagraph. Otherwise radio silence until contact. Report road jams and serious delay by peep messenger at once.

NOTE: 1 Co 62 and 1 Plat C-125 to Div Reserve.

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Hq 14 AD
24 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 40.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS:

a. First French Army:

I Corps - Push N of MULHOUSE meeting stiff ey resistance. Advance held up by heavy snow and ey mines laid in the snow.

II Corps - Ey launched a small counterattack in 3rd Div Zone last night which drove back our advance outposts. Recent snow impeding operations.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Movement in ey rear areas continues and patrolling activity increased somewhat. Approximately 18 hostile aircraft were over BISCHWILLER (R-0918) area on bombing, strafing and Ron missions during daylight hours. PW states entire 47 VG Div is in this area. 36 Div - Ey ground activity slight. Movement of Inf and tks continued. 25 Inf seen vic R-079128, 6 vehicles at R-153116, 3 tks stationary at R-128152, considerable movement of Inf and tks into OBERHOFFEN (R-0920). During night sector generally quiet except for light harassing fire and brief firefight at 2340A vic R-104183 with 20-man ey patrol. 79th Div - 4 tks seen vic CAM de OBERHOFFEN (R-0821) at 1723A. Night quiet with light harassing arty fire in BISCHWILLER (R-0918). Ey outpost engaged by friendly patrol at R-069231. Ey digging-in vic R-05252410. 103rd Div - Ey build-up continues on Div front. At approximately 1825A tracked vehicles were heard moving from MIETESHEIM (Q-9331) to BITSCHOFFEN (Q-9028) and at 2200A armor was being moved into BITSCHOFFEN along the same road. PFAFFENHOFFEN (Q-9128) and LA WALCK (Q-9027) shelled by estimated 88mm arty. 45th Div - Ey activity light throughout sector except in vic REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8037) and N of SAEGLUHL (Q-7937). Arty and mortar fire scattered except in SAEGLUHL sector where forward elements moderately harassed during night.

XV Corps - Very quiet. This sector has been quiet for the last 4 or 5 days.

XXI Corps - No ey activity. Tac Ron reports heavy ey traffic moving SW in the direction of SAARBRUCKEN also some traffic moving S into BITCHE.

c. Third US Army:

XX Corps - 94th Inf Div meeting heavy ey resistance.

2. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Units Opposing VI Corps:

257 VG Div - (Corps boundary to WILDENGUTH)
457 VGR, 477 VGR (466 VGR on XV Corps front), 257 Engr Bn (1st Co only), 257 AT Bn (1st Co only), 257 Arty Regt (only part in VI Corps sector), 257 Fus Co and 257 Signal Bn not identified.

256 VG Div - (WILDENGUTH to ROTHBACH)
456 VGR, 476 VGR, 481 VGR, 256 Engr Bn, 256 Fus Co, 256 AT Bn, 256 Arty Regt, 256 Sig Bn, 256 Field Repl Bn (not contacted since 19 Dec).

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361 VG Div - Since Jan 9 contact has been extremely light and only units identified were 1st Bn, 952 Regt which was described by PW as having only 60 men and 2nd Co, 361 Engr Bn. The Division, which suffered extreme losses in the fighting in the BITCHE salient, is considered to be out of the line and possibly re-forming. The components are: 951 VGR, 952 VGR, 953 VGR, 361 Fus Co, 361 Engr Bn, 361 AT Bn, 361 Arty Regt, 361 Signal Bn, 361 Field Repl Bn.

6 SS Mountain Div "NORD" - (BAERENTHAL to PHILIPPSBOURG)
II SS Mtn Regt, 12 SS Mtn Regt, 6 SS Ron Bn, 506 SS PG Bn (attached), 6 SS Engr Bn, 6 SS Mtn Arty Regt, 6 SS Mtn Signal Bn (6 SS AT Bn was never identified).

36 Inf Div - (PHILIPPSBOURG to WINDSTEIN)
87 GR, 118 GR, 165 GR (only 1st Bn identified, 2nd Bn believed not to exist at the present time), 36 Fus Co. No other components identified. They are 36 Engr Bn, 36 AT Bn, 268 Arty Regt, 36 Signal Bn.

47 VG Div - 3 Co, 103 VGR identified on Jan 23 at Q-971280. PW claims that entire division is in area. Its components are: 103 VGR, 104 VGR, 115 VGR, 47 Fus Co, 147 Engr Bn, 147 AT Bn, 147 Arty Regt, 147 Signal Bn.

245 Inf Div - (has no sector at present)
 The only unit of this division identified since Dec 16 was 1st Bn, 937 GR and PG SCHINDLER which is believed to be under 937 GR at CLEEBOURG and South of INGOLSHEIM respectively. The division is believed to have re-formed and to be in immediate reserves. Its components are: 935 GR, 936 GR, 937 GR, 245 Ron Bn, 245 Engr Bn, 245 AT Bn, 245 Arty Regt, 1245 Ass Gun Bn, 245 Signal Bn.

21 Pz Div - (Between HARDT MTNS and RHINE)
22 TK Regt, 125 PGR, 192 PGR, 21 Pz Ron, 220 Pz Engr Bn, 200 AT Bn, 155 Pz Arty Regt, 200 Signal Bn, 200 Field Repl Bn. The last two have not been identified since October. There may also be 200 Assault Gun Bn.

25 PG Div - (Between HARDT MTNS and RHINE)
5 TK Bn (possibly only attached), 35 PGR (believed to have only 1 Bn at present), 119 PGR, 125 Pz Ron Bn (only 2 companies believed to exist), 25 Pz Engr Bn (not identified), 25 AT Bn, no other components have been identified, division is believed not to have any organic artillery but to be supported by 1151 & 1152 GHQ Arty Bns.

7 Parachute Div - (HATTEN to SESSENHEIM)
19 Para Regt (may have no 3rd Bn), 20 Para Regt, 21 Para Regt (2nd Bn identified only, 3rd Bn may not exist). No other units identified, and it is not certain whether they exist. They would be: 7 Para Engr Bn, 7 Para AT Bn, 7 Para Arty Regt, 7 Para Signal Bn.

10 SS Pz Div "FRUNDSBERG" - (HAGUENAU to WEYERSHEIM)
10 SS TK Regt, 21 SS PGR, 22 PGR. No other unit has been identified. They are: 10 SS Pz Ron Bn, 10 SS Pz Engr Bn, 10 SS AT Bn, 10 SS Pz Arty Regt, 10 SS Assault Gun Bn, 10 SS AA Bn, 10 SS Signal Bn, 10 SS Field Repl Bn.

553 VG Div - (FORT LOUIS to BEDENHEIM)
 Normal components do not seem to exist. They were 1119 VGR, 1120 VGR, 1121 VGR, 553 Fus Bn, 1553 AT Bn (never identified), 1553 Arty Regt, 1553 Signal Bn (never identified). The division now controls a multitude of battle groups.

Miscellaneous Units - 38 GAF Bn, 51 GAF Bn, 52 GAF Bn, 815 Super Hvy MG Bn, 816 Super Hvy MG Bn, Fortress Regt XII/1, Reichsfuhrer SS Bn, 2 SS Police Regt.

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b. Delay Candles - This device composed of a wax candle, match, time fuse and flare cartridge is used for the destruction of shelters or buildings after evacuation by the enemy. The candle burns down to the match which is inserted horizontally in the candle. The match lights the time fuse, which in turn fires the igniter, setting off the flare which sets the house on fire. A candle 25mm in diameter will burn at the rate of approx $1\frac{1}{2}$ cm (approx $\frac{1}{2}$ in) per hour. (Source: XX Corps) (VII Corps).

c. Incident at a bridge - About 222030A, an estimated 12 men dressed in civilian clothes, berets, armbands, carrying rifles and generally giving the appearance of FFI members, approached our bridge guard in RUTHBACH (Q-8434). These men were scattered out and one engaged the guard in conversation. Apparently two others then approached, shot and killed two of the guards. Our other two guards opened fire and the "civilians" ran off. It is not known if these twelve were hostile civilians or Germans dressed in civilian clothes. However, it does re-emphasize the fact that the enemy will resort to any kind of subterfuge and that a constant state of alert must exist in all areas. (Source: VI Corps Periodic Report No 161, dated 21 Jan 45)

d. Enemy's Knowledge of our Situation - From incomplete rpts of headquarters safes, unit safes and unit papers captured by the enemy in the ARDENNES breakthrough, it is highly probable that the enemy has a very complete knowledge of the organization, administration and order of battle of the First US Army. From the contents of captured administrative instructions, intelligence instructions, signal instructions, etc, he also has a comprehensive knowledge of our methods. He is, therefore, capable of preparing fraudulent documents and of infiltrating well-schooled and well-informed agents throughout our forces. The probability of his exercising this capability is viewed as very high. (Source: First US Army G-2 Estimate No 61).

e. Explanations and Alibis Furnished By the Enemy Agents - Since the landing, the explanations or alibis furnished by captured enemy agents are extremely simple. Enemy agents have avoided complicated stories and have followed the theory that the simpler an explanation is, the more likely it is to be accepted. Complicated stories are subject to a detailed interrogation and the enemy agent is apt to betray himself.

Following are examples of explanations offered:

- (1) Search for parents in liberated territory.
- (2) Search for supplies to be carried to a location where the supply is very difficult.
- (3) Former worker in the Organization TODT.
- (4) Escape from forced labor.
- (5) Desire to surrender to the Allies.

Errors committed by enemy agents:

- (1) Several among them, operating singly, were captured carrying identical objects, for example, butter in jars.
- (2) An agent was carrying a falsified identity card dated January 1943. Unfortunately for him, he had in his possession other copies of the identification photograph dated March 1944.
- (3) The identity cards were filled in with German handwriting.

(Source: 1st French Air Corps)

f. Canteen Trap - In a recent move southeast of MALMEDY through German-held areas, it was found that the enemy is extensively boobytrapping everything--trucks, dead bodies, and all equipment and vehicles. The following sample has been examined and found quite effective, easily made, and very deceptive:

A standard American aluminum canteen and cover was found attached to the pistol belt of a dead American soldier. The bottom of the canteen was cut with a sharp chisel-like tool and folded inward. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the canteen was packed with a cream colored putty-like plastic explosive, in the center of which was

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enclosed a booster charge detonator. From this, a cap and fuze extended out through a hole in the base of the canteen cover. A friction type igniter, ANZ 39, is used, attached to a five second delay fuze. The igniter is pegged into the ground by means of a small nail or wooden peg. The weight of the canteen thus prepared, closely resembles that of a full canteen. (VII Corps)

g. Weather - 25 Jan - Clear at dawn, increasing low clouds throughout day. Generally scattered in morning, broken in afternoon. Visibility 6-10 miles. Wind NW, 12 mph. Minimum temperature 27 degrees F.

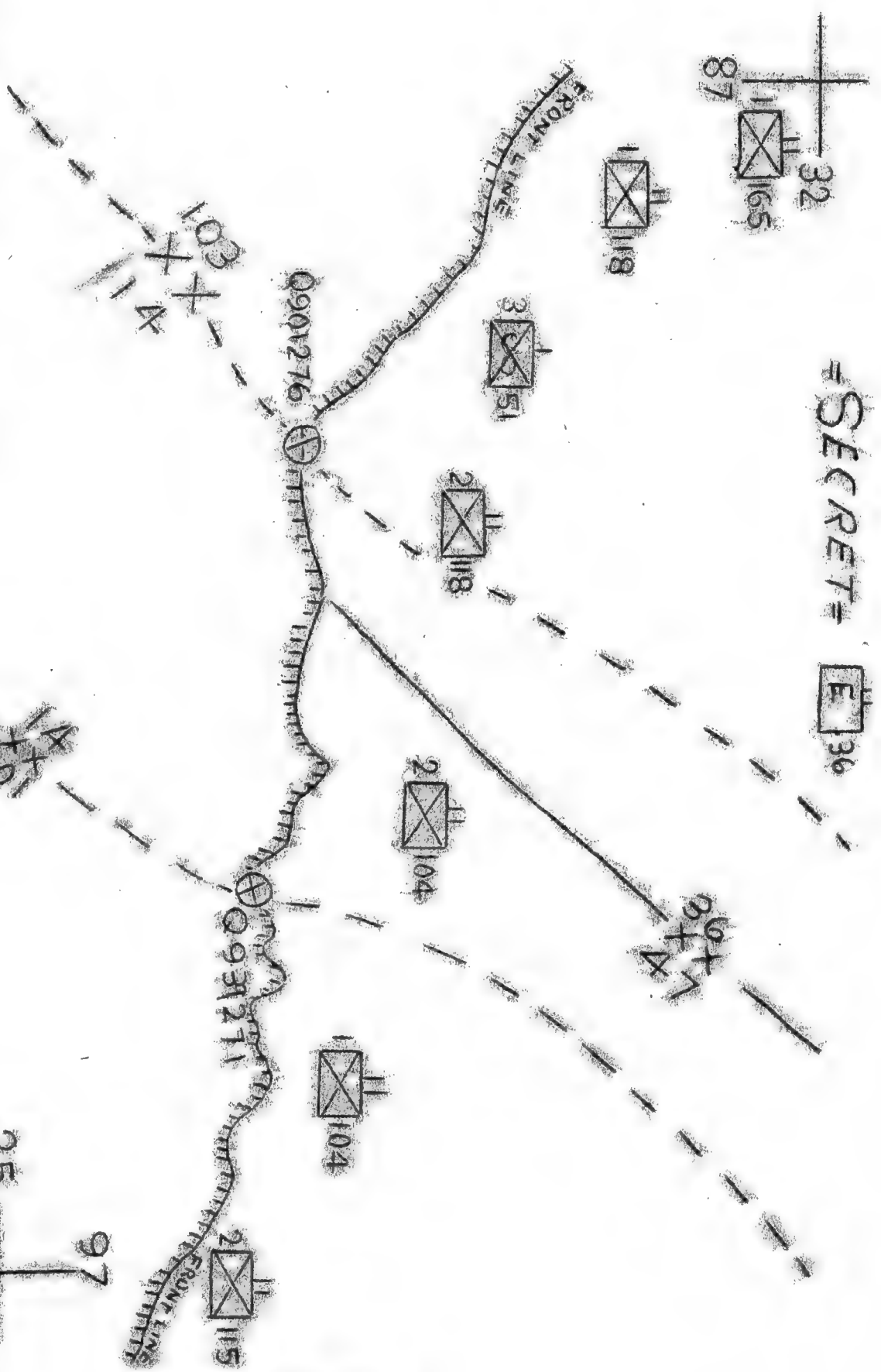
h. Total PWs during period - 7
Total PWs to date - 1079

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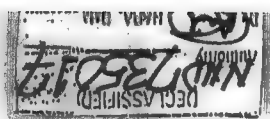


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MEMORANDUM:

TO : See Distribution

Tank Flame Thrower School

1. School in the Tank Flame-Thrower will be held beginning 1300 21 February and ending 1600 23 February.
2. Personnel to attend:
 - a. Crews of tanks containing flame-throwers
 - b. 2nd Lt. Joseph T. Obermeyer, OI 692 638.
(Officer-in-charge)
3. Equipment: Notebook and pencil.
4. Place: Div Hq Co Mess Hall, DETWILLER.
5. Transportation:

Service Company will furnish 1 - 2 1/2 ton truck which will pick up personnel on schedule as follows.

 - a. 21 February
 - 1130 CP Co B
 - 1145 CP Co A *2 MET*
 - 1215 CP Co C
 - 1600 CP 14AD (Return Trip)
 - b. 22, 23 February
 - 0645 CP Co B
 - 0700 CP Co A
 - 0720 CP Co C
 - 1600 CP 14AD (Return Trip)
 - c. Mess: (Noon meal only)
 - a. Enlisted men - Div Hq Co Mess
 - b. Officers - Div Hq Co Mess

By order Of Major GAVIN:

A. O. KINGSLEY
Captain, 48th Tank Battalion
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 FROM 250001 JAN. 45
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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0745 | Bn alerted for immediate movement May to all com. Bn. parties to C.C.A. Co. C.O.'s meeting called for 0830 | |
| | | | 0830 | Co. C.O. meeting at Bn. Hq. | |
| | | ① | 1100 | Alert orders received from C.C.A. | |
| | | | 1200 | Bn C.P. closes at Westenstein | |
| | | | 1325 | Bn C.P. closes at Lupstein | |
| | | | 1400 | Plan 426 received from C.C.A. | |
| | | | 1400 | Ren sent for Ren of route of 426. | |
| | | | 1730 | Report by phone to C.C. Bn. alerted at 1730. | |
| | | | 1900 | Msg fr. C.C.A. - Unit C.O.'s meeting at 2000 | |
| | | ② | 1915 | Msg fr. C.C.A. - Probable enemy report of 418 near Willhansen - Schiller's day area. | |

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From: 250000 JAN.
To: 252100 JAN.
HQ 48 TIL BN
LUPSTEIN, FR

No.

Maps: SAVERNE SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

BN ALERTED FOR IMMEDIATE
MOVEMENT AT 0745. MOVED AT 1130
TO LUPSTEIN FR CLOSING AREA, LUPSTEIN,
INGENHEIM, FURCHENSEN AT 1730

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

SUCCESSFUL

- OVER -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | 8 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | | | | | |
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| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M4 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |
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| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 13 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 15 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 5 | | | |
| | M4 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |

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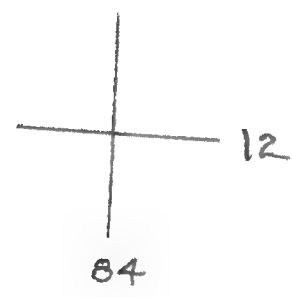
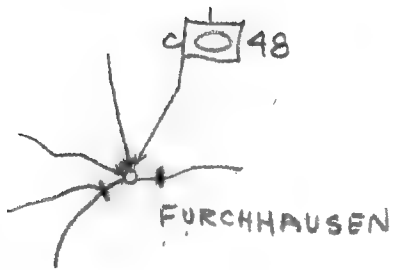
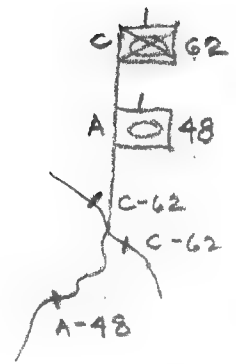
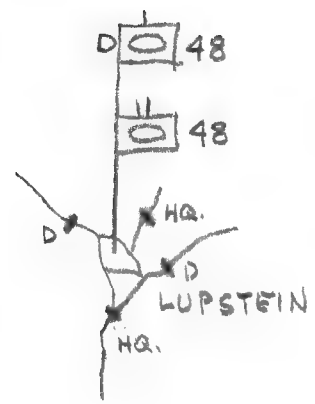
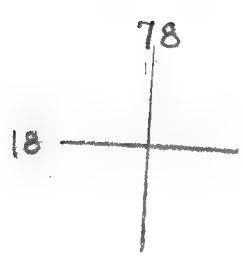
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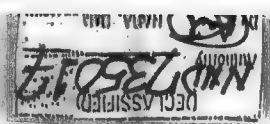


NOTE:
OUTPOSTS IN RED

OVERLAY

HQ. 48TH TK BN 25 JAN 45
DEFENSE POSITIONS

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 41.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey continued to counterattack with armor of 106 Pz Brig vic N of COLMAR. At 0315A ey launched an attack on KILSTETT (R-0908) by tks and inf, strength unknown, from direction of GAMBESHEIM. Attack repulsed at 0630A by arty fire.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Ey became aggressive and launched several attacks at scattered points in center of Corps zone. 36th Div - No contact reported. Ey arty fire slightly increased in Div zone since midnight. 79th Div - Ey laid down heavy arty, SA and AF fire against Western portion of Div sector at 2020A and made 3 attempts to cross MODER R under cover of this fire. All attempts were repulsed except at Q-990257 which attk was made in force by large number of ey and ey penetrated into woods vic Q-975245 after crossing river at Q-976263. Around 0200A approximately 100 ey crossed MODER R at R-065230 and demonstrated in area with arty, mortar, and SA fire between 0200A and 0600A. 6 tks reported milling around NE of SCHNEIGHAUSEN (Q-9924) and 5 tks reported at R-00082570 during morning. The 119 PGR, 35 PGR of the 25 Pz Gr Div and 103 VGR of the 47 VG Div were identified last night in woods along river N of HAGUENAU. 21 PGR of 10 SS Pz Div identified E of HAGUENAU (R-0424) today. 103rd Div - 12 Kk III tks reported vic ROTHBACH (Q-8434) yesterday - 4 KO'd. At 0430A, ey launched attack vic MULHAUSEN (Q-8631) with heavy IG & SP fire support and estimated 200 ey and 2 tks pushed on to SCHILERSDORF (Q-8430) where they are now contained. KINDWILLER (Q-8929) hit this morning by 50 ey with tks. 45th Div - Our troops entered SEAGUHL (Q-7937) at 2330A without contact but at 0130A undetermined number of ey forced our troops to withdraw. At 2030A, 50 - 75 ey attacked S from hill 301 (Q-8037) and forced our outpost to withdraw. Rest of sector generally quiet.

IV Corps: Still getting reports of movement from N into BITCHE (Q-7550) area, horse-drawn wagons, motor vehicles and tks.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Russian C-47 aircraft: Russian C-47 aircraft bear white numbers on the sides of the fin, will carry a red star with white edging on the under side of wings and both sides of fuselage, will be camouflaged dark grey and green.

b. US Tanks in Hands of Enemy: Of tanks recently falling into the hands of the enemy in this sector and certain to be used by the enemy against us are a number of the following types:

Med - M4A3, both 75 and 76mm
Light - M5A1

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 41

GERMAN NIGHT FIGHTING TACTICS

Evidence of increased German emphasis on night fighting and rules of night tactics are found in an undated document recently captured which contains excerpts from a manual "Night Movements and Night Attack", under preparation. Pertinent extracts from the document follow:

1. General. At night the enemy's superiority is least effective. Therefore night is our best ally. It must be used for daring attacks and all marches. Attacking at night reduces losses and may bring great success to units under courageous leadership. Particularly, an enemy who feels helpless without tank and air support and who spends rainy nights in buildings, must be beaten at night.

Orders for night attacks must be given early to permit careful preparation. The larger the unit, the earlier should the order be issued.

Irregular timing of the beginning of the attack increases surprise which is of the greatest importance. Therefore, the following measures should be taken:

Inconspicuous reconnoitering and registering of fire distributed over several nights.

Continue normal combat activities. No noises, no light, no shifting of units before nightfall.

Conditions are favorable when the target can be seen at 50 meters distance. Pitch-black nights usually cause failure.

Spotlights facilitate aimed firing and blind the enemy. When several spotlights are directed against a low hanging bank of clouds, the reflected light will produce the brightness of a half moon.

It may be of great help to set on fire barns and buildings located on the flanks or in the rear of the enemy.

Parachute flares should not be used, because their long burning time and short range provide the enemy with light to get his own units prepared. If the enemy lights up the forefield, smoke candles should be released quickly.

The attack will rigidly follow the direction previously ordered. No change in direction can take place once in attack is under way.

The target of the attack must be reached one to two hours before daylight to allow time for organizing for defense under cover of darkness.

2. Infantry Night Attacks. Individual hand-to-hand combat is decisive. Therefore, attack in deeply staggered wedge formation with a strong point.

Use few but daring men and many weapons.

Assault squads and platoons should lead. Try to overcome the heavy weapons of the enemy with light weapons.

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The attack should be launched from positions which are as close as possible to the enemy.

Leave these final assault positions on a whistle signal or visual signal. The foremost assault squads and platoons throw themselves upon the enemy with loud yelling and destroy him in individual hand-to-hand combat.

The attack may take place with or without artillery support. Where complete surprise of the enemy may be anticipated, that is on dark night, attack without artillery support promises greater success.

Artillery fire at night follows special rules, because aimed single shots are not feasible as a rule. Fire should be directed against probable strongpoints and area targets. A bell-shaped cover should be provided against enemy counter-thrusts, according to a predetermined fire plan.

3. Infantry and Tanks. Night attacks by armored units or armored Kampfgruppen may be extraordinarily successful. Tanks, however, should not be used without infantry.

The following conditions are necessary for a successful night attack with tanks:

Sufficient vision. Targets must be visible from a distance of 150 to 200 meters.

Suitable terrain and favorable ground conditions.

Night attacks by tanks with armored infantry riding on vehicles promises great success. The tanks attack first, the infantry follow closely behind or accompany the attack on the flanks. After reaching the target, the infantry take up defensive positions. The vehicles are pulled back while it is still dark and then put into readiness as a reserve against counter-attack.

Loud noises of approaching tanks should be drowned by low-flying raiders, by artillery fire and loudspeaker broadcasts. These noises must not be made for the first time during the night of the attack, but should also be produced during several previous nights. (Source: Twelfth Army Group, Weekly Intell Summary No 23)

ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 41

DISTINCTIVE MARKING OF AIRCRAFT

1. By 25 Jan 45 all aircraft of XII TAC will bear distinctive markings as follows.
 - a. P-51 C (Photo). Propeller spinner assemblies and fuselage nose structure section will be painted insignia red.
 - b. P-51 D (Photo). Propeller spinner assembly will be painted insignia red.
 - c. P-47. Propeller dome and engine ring cowl (approximately 14 inch width) will be painted insignia red.
 - d. Beaufighters. Propeller dome and forward engine cowling (14 inch width) will be painted insignia red.
 - e. Miscellaneous aircraft (B-25, A-20, UC-78, etc). Propeller spinners or domes, and engine ring cowl will be painted insignia red.
2. Prior to 25 Jan 45 an increasing no. of a/c will appear with the above command markings since they are being applied by all units of XII TAC as fast as operations permit.
3. In addition to the distinctive markings above, Gp and Sq markings may appear on individual a/c; but they will not conflict with the Command markings. These will be listed in a future memorandum.

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TR Bn.
FROM 260001 JAN. 45
TO 262400 JAN. 45.
PLACE LUPSTEIN, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|------------------------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | 0715 | Phone msg from CCA. Bn placed on 2 hr alert. Regular Thy day. | Msg to all Cos & detachments |
| | | | 1630 | C of S at Bn C.P. | |
| | | | 1900 | Co. C.O. meeting at C.P. | |
| | | ① | 2040 | Msg fr D.O.O. - one VTR to be dispatched to assist 36 Aliv in recovery of tank dayer vicinity of Beechville tonight. Authority C/S verbal orders | |

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From: 260000Z JAN
To: 262000Z JAN

HQ. 48TH BN.
LUPSTEIN, FR.

No.

Maps: SAVERNE SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY (25 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY (25 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY (25 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

SNOW - 400 YDS

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

PERIOD SPENT ON MAINTENANCE
OF VEHICLES & WEAPONS

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

SUCCESSFUL

- OVER -

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B. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4(75) | 8 | | 1 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | M4(75) | | | | |
| | M4(76) | W/62 A/B | | | |
| | M4(105) | | | | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M5(37) | 8 | | 3 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 14 | | 3 | |
| | M4(76) | 15 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 5 | | | |
| | M5(37) | 8 | | 3 | |

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VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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Notes of Co. C.O. meeting 26 Jan.

C.O.

1. In off notes from briefing
2. Keep men comfortable.
 - a. at least one man near guns
3. Recruit sentries know where CPs are
4. Training reinforcements
 1. Crew training
 2. Eyewash
 3. Kill Country & Blue
5. Track logs
6. Mess inspection
7. Movies, 27 Jan.
8. Shower point - allotted
9. Check on stowage of vehicles
10. Eng Plat to Co. central
11. Civilians
 - a. No direction in moving
12. Clothing check
13. Battle experience
14. Communications from OPL to Co. C.P.
15. Training Schedule

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1. Firing schedule
2. Vt C.O.'s watch near column

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1. Longhorn girls
2. Orientation
3. Password

HQ 14 AD
 26 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 42.

1. KNIFE OPERATIONS.

2. First French Army: By continues to resist our attacks both on the N and S flanks of the COLMAR pocket. French claim to have captured the CO of 106 Pz Brigade. 269 Inf Div reported as having left the pocket. 198th Inf Div opposing our 3rd and 28th Divs.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Yesterday ey defended his morning gains with stubborn resistance throughout day. Elements of 10 SS Pz Div pushed back across MODER River in area SE of HAGUENAU and over 100 PWs taken in this action. 5 ey tks reported at Q-888290 moving SS at 1830A and 10 tks reported at Q-973260 at same time. Night generally quiet with only scattered patrol contact. Ey arty light over Corps sector. 361 VG Div reported on way to Germany. 245 Inf Div unlocated. 36th Div - Patrols picked up 6 PWs from 2nd Bn, 2nd SS Police Regt (attached to the 553 Inf Div) E of WEYER-SHEIM (R-0512). 79th Div - No ey W of the MODER River. In the NEUBOURG (Q-9626)-SCHWEIGHAUSEN (Q-9924) area where the ey made their main push yesterday, the 103d and 104th Gr Regts of the 47 VG Div, 119 and 35 Pz Gr Regts of the 25th Pz Gr Div, and 21st Para Regt of the 7th Para Div were identified. Light harassing arty fire was reported in HAGUENAU (R-0424), OHLUNGEN (Q-9723) and UNWILLER (Q-9524). Tracked vehicular movement was heard from CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (R-0821) toward HAGUENAU during morning. 103d Div - In SCHILLERSDORF (Q-8430) our troops still surround an est 200 ey holding the SE part of the town. The 2nd and 3rd Bns of the 12th SS Regt of the 6th SS Mtn Div identified in SCHILLERSDORF. Arty fire moderate with build-up of fire falling in left sector. PWs captured yesterday had articles of GI clothing and said they were issued to them on 22 Jan 45. 45th Div - Very little ey activity reported.

IV Corps - No news.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Security Measures Used Before Offensive - Interrogation of NCO's and O's of units participating in the German attack of 16 Dec brought out the following points in regard to security measures taken by the enemy prior to attack:

1. Signal Security. Prior to an attack, all code names, call signs and code keys are changed. From jumping off point to a depth of 3 km all telephone lines have to be strung double. This precaution makes it extremely difficult to tap a wire. The use of authenticators between telephone stations is stringently enforced. Only a small number of picked signal men are allowed to use telephones, in order to cut calls to a minimum and in order to insure that only a few men have knowledge of new call signs, coordinate-codes, etc. The use of walkie-talkie is forbidden. Whenever possible, messengers are used for communication, accompanied by a liaison officer if message is very important.

2. Violation of Blackout Regulations before an attack will result in severe disciplinary action. All troop movements, usually of no greater than Co strength, take place at night. Both men and vehicles stay under cover in daytime. If time permits, the heavy equipment such as tanks and arty pieces are brought to the marshalling area piece-meal, in order not to arouse the suspicion of Allied night reconnaissance.

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3. Troops are usually given security lectures. They are warned not to talk about military things, not even to neighboring units. Some unit commanders are known to have collected Soldbuchs before attacks, others told troops in case of capture to destroy them or tear out page 4 and 17 respectively.

4. Roadsigns with unit code names are used as sparingly as possible. Unit insignias and vehicle markings, however, are NOT removed. The disadvantages of removing the latter proved to outweigh the advantage obtained by a greater degree of security. It was found, for instance, that troop and vehicular traffic was slowed down in the absence of identifying markings, and that it was hard to apprehend stragglers and deserters.

5. Orientation of officers as to mission is given at last possible moment. Even then, they are given exact information only about the sector and unit with which they are directly connected.

6. H-hour is usually set between 0200 and 0400 in order to achieve a greater element of surprise.

7. Summarizing the enemy's security preparations, it may be said he is not employing any new or unusual means to insure greater secrecy. His main strength in this respect lies in his rigid enforcement of above mentioned security program. (First Army IPW Report) (Source: VII Corps)

b. Weather - 27 Jan - Partly cloudy with light snow showers over VOSGES. Visibility 1 mile at dawn, improving to 2-3 miles after 1100A. Wind from NE 5-7 mph. Slightly colder. Minimum temperature 22 degrees Fahrenheit.

c. Total PWs during period - 5
Total MIs to date - 1084

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OVERLAY (25 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY (25 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY (25 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

SNOW - 400 YDS

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE

27 JAN. HQ 48 TIC BN

RANGE FIRING 1345 TO 1415 (actual firing)

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

SUCCESSFUL

- OVER -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

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| | M4(105) | | | | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
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27 January 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

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1. VI Corps organize rear area defenses against enemy penetrations, infiltrations or parachute drops.
2. 79th Division organize towns in division area.
 - a. All troops billeted in towns are available to commanders indicated to establish perimeter defenses.
 - b. No unit will be diverted from its primary role, i.e., anti-aircraft defense, artillery, etc., to man perimeter defense (prior to notification of alert).
 - c. Road blocks, entrenchments and barriers will be constructed with minimum interference with normal duties of troops.
 - d. Guards and patrols will be coordinated by town commanders. Patrols to check; 1) security of military installations; 2) arrest suspicious individuals; 3) arrest civilians violating curfew regulations.
 - e. The weapons of the garrison of towns will be immediately available at all times.
3. 79th Reconnaissance Troop will be available as mobile reserve to town defenses.
4. Communications.
 - a. Town commanders (excluding commander designated by infantry regimental commanders) will report to A. C. of S., G-3, 79th Infantry Division (Bishop 3), location of their command posts and signal facilities, i.e., phone numbers, nearest radio set in division command, division artillery command, tank destroyer net or anti-aircraft artillery net, or similar useable net.

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1 Incl - List of town commanders.

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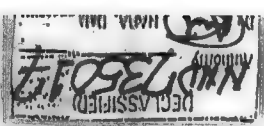
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LIST OF TOWN COMMANDERS.

| <u>Town</u> | <u>Commanders</u> |
|----------------------|--|
| BATZENDORF | Lt. Col. EDWARDS, 313 Inf Regt <i>66 Arm Int Bn</i> |
| HARTHAUSEN | Capt McCLEMENT, 313 Inf Regt |
| NIEDERSCHAEFFOLSHEIM | Col. SNOW, 155th FA Bn |
| BIRCKWALD | Capt. T J McCRYSTLE, Cn Co, 314 Inf Regt |
| MARIENTHAL | Lt. Col. CALL, 1st Bn, 315 Inf Regt |
| GEBOLSHEIM | Capt. CORDATO, Co C, 304th Engr Bn |
| MOMMENHEIM | Lt. Col. VAN ALLEN, 304th Engr Bn |
| WILNISHEIM | Col. C.H. KARISTAD, CGA, 14 Armd Div |
| LUPSTEIN | Maj. J. C. CAVIN, 48th Tk Bn |
| MELSHEIM | Capt. O. J. HALL, Serv Btry, 501 AFA Bn |
| SCHWINDRATZHEIM | Lt. Col. McFADDEN, Hq Comdt, 79th Inf Div |
| SCHERLENHEIM | Capt. J. S. RICHMAN, 151st AA Bn |
| WITTERSHEIM | Lt. Col. QUARLES, 634th FA Bn |
| HOCHSTETT | Capt. WARREN D. DREHER, Btry A, 634th FA Bn |
| WÄHLENHEIM | Capt JOHN M. O'NEIL, Co B, 125th Engr Bn |
| WINTERSHAUSEN | Lt. Col. ROBERT L. VANCE, 499th Armd FA Bn |
| WALDOWITZHEIM | Capt. W. W. ALLEN, JR., 10th FA Bn |

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Hq 12 AG
27 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 43.

1. MILITARY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: It continues to counterattack all our threats in the COLMAR pocket. Its counterattacks are usually supported by 2 or 3 tks. Bulk of the 2nd Mtn Div reported opposing our 3rd Div.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - By activity continued light yesterday and corps front quiet throughout night. By arty fire continued to be very light and only scattered patrol contact was made. Two tks reported the following: Group of approximately 200 cy and some SF troops moving S from LAURENCE (R-9284) in the direction of SLEET (R-2732); another group of cy moving S from the LAURENCE (R-9284) - LAURENCE area. Sector very quiet as no contact and negligible arty fire reported during day. 7th Div - By vehicular and inf activity in LAURENCE (R-9284) fired on by arty and 5th Div friendly fighter planes yesterday. Heavy two way traffic reported between 8th HOFER (R-0919) and SCHIRMOFFER (R-1022) and between CAMP DE SCHIRMOFFER (R-0871) and SCHIRMOFFER. By activity limited to minor patrols. 103rd Div - R-12 ZINS, 103rd Div (R-0975366) two cy tks were taken under fire at 1600H. By activity limited to minor patrols. Snipers reported in BISMARCK (R-0532) and SCHIRMOFFER (R-0871). Estimated companies cy and some SF units in SCHIRMOFFER (R-0871). By believed maintaining up his force to Bn strength in KINDEL (R-9029). Approximately 40 prisoners taken at SCHIRMOFFER (R-0871). 45th Div - No cy contact reported. Road via 3593740 apparently being used as supply route; being heavily harassed by our arty. Patrol to SCHIRMOFFER (R-0871) found the town clear of cy.

XI Corps - Patrol activity today. 20 trains consisting of 20 to 100 cars per train were observed in the vic of SCHIRMOFFER. Direction of movement not determined.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Order of Battle -

(1) 25 PG Div - 25 Arty Regt has been identified for the first time since the Div came to the Western front after having been destroyed in 1944. The 25 Arty Regt has one Bn of 4 Btrys of 105mm Hows and one Bn of 3 Btrys of 150mm Hows. (75 Div)

(2) 7 Para Div is under XIV SS Corps. (Document)

(3) 7 Para Div - Both 3rd Bn of 20 Para Regt and 3rd Bn of 21 Para Regt has now been identified, and it may be assumed that all three Regts of 7 Para Div have 3 Bns.

(4) The Recon unit of 7 Para Div is 7 Para Bicycle Co. It consists of 3 rifle platoons mounted on bicycles.

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b. "Blendgerat": The new use of a "Blendgerat" (dazzling device) against tanks is to be noted. This device, when it explodes against the tank, gives forth a thick smoke which has an irritating effect on the respiratory organs. The tank crew, who feel as if they are suffocating, open the tank or leave it. It has been noticed that men affected by this smoke show marked symptoms of asphyxiation. This device which used to be thrown by hand is now shot with the Kampf-Haachminen Wetzela. It is made in Krane and in Landsberg. (Source could not give the names of the factories).

A secret memorandum, which has only been distributed to the echelon of section chief, orders that tank crews wounded by this device are to be shot so that the enemy cannot conclude from their wounds that the Germans are using combat gas. (Source: Ninth US Army, G-2 Periodic Report No. 132).

c. Weather: 28 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken low clouds becoming overcast after 1500A with snow after 2300A. Visibility 0 - 1/2 mile at dawn or for improving to 2 - 3 miles in afternoon. Wind NE 6 m.p.h. becoming S. 12 m.p.h. after 1600A. Minimum temperature 14 degrees F.

29 Jan 45 - Overcast: low clouds with snow showers and rain showers mixed. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in morning, 5 - 6 miles in afternoon. Wind NE 15 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 28 degrees F.

d. Total runs during period ----- 51
Total runs to date ----- 1135

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 43.

WEATHER CONDITIONS, UPPER RHINE VALLEY - FEBRUARY

General

February is the most favorable winter month for campaigning in the field. Rainfall reaches the lowest level for the year. Cloudiness is slightly less than at any time of the year except for the summer months. Temperatures, though slightly higher than in January, remain below freezing for considerable periods, assuring a firm foundation for maneuvering tanks and wheeled vehicles. In the air, cloudiness drops off and visibilities improve over the preceding months, providing an increased number of operational days for tactical air support. In all, February presents better weather conditions than either of the two preceding months or the two spring months to come.

Temperature

The mercury begins to rise in February. Averages are, in general, two to three degrees above those for January. Only at elevated points does the mean remain below the freezing point. Colmar with a mean of 36.9 degrees shows the highest average, while Grand Ballon in the High Vosges returns the lowest February mean of 24.9 degrees. Valley points, such as Strasbourg, Mulhouse, and Karlsruhe, enjoy a mean of 35 degrees. The highest temperatures ever registered in this area for the month fall in the high sixties, while below zero marks are still possible. Colmar once recorded 8.3 below zero. In an average February the mercury will rise to a maximum of 55 degrees and drop on the coldest day to a low of 10 degrees. To the east of the Black Forest slightly lower marks are observed. Donaueschingen has 28.0 and Munich 29.0 degrees in keeping with their more continental exposure.

FEBRUARY TEMPERATURE MEANS

| | | | |
|---------------|------|----------------|------|
| Belfort | 35.2 | Baden Baden | 35.0 |
| Saverne | 35.1 | Freudenstadt | 30.0 |
| Strasbourg | 35.1 | Stuttgart | 36.0 |
| Grand Ballon | 24.6 | Ulm | 31.0 |
| Nancy | 35.8 | Augsburg | 32.0 |
| Metz | 36.0 | Freiburg | 36.0 |
| Rothau | 33.4 | St. Blasien | 28.5 |
| Sarreguemines | 35.2 | Karlsruhe | 35.8 |
| Hauto-Sierck | 34.0 | Basle | 36.0 |
| Mulhouse | 35.2 | Donaueschingen | 28.0 |

precipitation

February is the driest month of the year. Cyclonic activity, which brings so much moisture in off the North Atlantic, is much less pronounced than in any other winter month. Often a northeasterly circulation prevails for many days, bringing cold, dry air from the Great Russian Plains. Elevation and exposure are the chief determining factors in the rainfall pattern. Again the amounts received vary considerably in adjacent localities.

Valley locations, in general, receive less than two inches. Now Breisach has a mean of 1.20 inches and all points in the Rhine Valley floor and Alsatian Plain have less than 1.60 inches. Similar figures obtain also in the Bavarian Plain with Donaueschingen in the rain shadow of the Black Forest, receiving only 1.20 inches. Further east there is a slight rise (Munich 1.9 inches), but nowhere does the amount exceed 2.0 inches. The Vosges and Schwarzwald show al-

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most double and triple the rainfall of the valleys. Averages as high as 5.6 inches are reached at Ruhstein and Todtmoos in the High Schwarzwald. Even the hill country on either side of the Saar provides sufficient elevation to catch additional moisture. East of Trier the averages rise to 3.2 inches and in the Hardt Mountains to 2.4 inches.

Snowcover reaches its maximum depth in late February. It is entirely dependent on altitude. At Strasbourg the average February snowfall amounts to only 0.8 inches and the greatest depth ever measured on the ground was 5.9 inches. Mountain stations in the Vosges and Schwarzwald report considerably greater depths. Feldberg in the Black Forest has an average February fall of 60 inches and a mean snowcover of 103 inches. Snow will measure somewhat deeper on Eastern slopes than on western. In the mountain passes of the Vosges and Schwarzwald snow drifts may form a serious obstacle to the movement of military traffic.

Mean February Precipitation

| | | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Besancon | 2.3 inches | Frankfurt | 1.3 inches |
| Metz | 1.5 | Freudenstadt | 4.7 |
| Strasbourg | 1.3 | Munberg | 1.1 |
| Basel | 1.5 | Munich | 1.3 |

Snowfall in Schwarzwald

| | Average | Maximum |
|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Kaltenborn | 24.8 | 51 inches |
| Gersbach | 27.0 | 75 |
| Todtnauberg | 33.0 | 53 |
| Feldberg | 60.0 | 103 |
| Furtwangen | 19.0 | 51 |
| Bonndorf | 12.0 | 27 |

Cloudiness and Moisture

Cloud cover in the Rhine Valley, though less, than in January, continues to be considerable. Karlsruhe at 0800A has overcast conditions 57 percent of the mornings. The figure falls to 49 percent by noon and to 48.5 percent by 1900A. Thus, the sky may be expected to be overcast 50 percent of the time. Clear skies will prevail 20-25 percent of the time at Karlsruhe. Similar conditions are found over much of the area with mountain locations in the Vosges and Schwarzwald reporting slightly higher percentages of cloudiness.

Relative humidity is high. Southwesterly winds predominate and this brings moisture-laden winds from the Atlantic. Strasbourg shows an average morning relative humidity of 88 percent and a noon figure of 76 percent. These high figures prevent rapid drying, though occasionally this regime is broken when cold, dry winds sweep out of Russia and brings spells of very dry conditions.

Visibility

Visibility in the Rhine Valley is generally poor throughout February. Obstructions to vision in the form of precipitation, smoke, haze, or fog are present most of the time. At Karlsruhe visibility is better than 6 miles at 0800A only 27 percent of the time, and is below 2½ miles 51 percent. There is a marked diurnal improvement in the morning hours, as over 54 percent of the noon observations show better than 6 miles. After sunset a rapid deterioration sets in.



Often periods of very poor visibility tend to persist for several days. A haze layer settles near the ground, obscuring both horizontal and vertical sight. Sometime, however, the plateau regions west of the Vosges and east of the Schwarzwald are not affected by this haze layer which tends to settle over the Rhine valley.

Wind

The prevailing wind over the entire area is Southwest. This flow is emphasized by the contours of the Rhine Valley tending north and south. 41 percent of all wind observations at Karlsruhe are from the southwest and Strasbourg shows 43 percent from South and Southwest. The second most frequent direction at Karlsruhe is Northeast with 20 percent, while Strasbourg tends to North and Northwest with 24 percent. All other directions occur less than 10 percent. Calms exist at Karlsruhe 8.2 and at Strasbourg 15 percent of the observations. Wind speed is low. A general average of 7-8 mph. prevail over the entire area. Gales (over 32 mph.) are seldom experienced, probably less than once a February.

Wind Direction

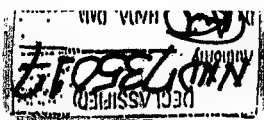
| | N | NE | E | SE | S | SW | W | NW | Calm |
|------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Strasbourg | 11 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 31 | 10 | 13 | 15 |
| Netz | 8 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 16 | 10 | 4 | 34 |

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TABLES FOR FEBRUARY 1945

Strasbourg 48 35N 07 45E 500 Feet

| February | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset | Phase |
|----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | 0758 | 1728 | 2150 | 1006 | Full Moon |
| 2 | 0757 | 1730 | 2253 | 1030 | |
| 3 | 0755 | 1731 | 2356 | 1050 | |
| 4 | 0754 | 1733 | --- | 1111 | |
| 5 | 0753 | 1734 | 0059 | 1129 | |
| 6 | 0752 | 1736 | 0205 | 1159 | Last Quarter |
| 7 | 0750 | 1738 | 0310 | 1231 | |
| 8 | 0748 | 1740 | 0416 | 1330 | |
| 9 | 0746 | 1741 | 0519 | 1359 | |
| 10 | 0745 | 1743 | 0617 | 1459 | |
| 11 | 0743 | 1744 | 0707 | 1610 | New Moon |
| 12 | 0741 | 1746 | 0747 | 1731 | |
| 13 | 0740 | 1748 | 0826 | 1848 | |
| 14 | 0738 | 1750 | 0853 | 2010 | |
| 15 | 0736 | 1752 | 0921 | 2130 | |
| 16 | 0734 | 1753 | 0947 | 2250 | First Quarter |
| 17 | 0732 | 1755 | 1013 | --- | |
| 18 | 0730 | 1756 | 1040 | 0008 | |
| 19 | 0728 | 1758 | 1111 | 0126 | |
| 20 | 0727 | 1759 | 1148 | 0239 | |
| 21 | 0726 | 1801 | 1231 | 0347 | Full Moon |
| 22 | 0724 | 1803 | 1321 | 0448 | |
| 23 | 0722 | 1804 | 1419 | 0540 | |
| 24 | 0721 | 1806 | 1520 | 0623 | |
| 25 | 0719 | 1808 | 1625 | 0659 | |
| 26 | 0717 | 1809 | 1730 | 0710 | Full Moon |
| 27 | 0715 | 1811 | 1835 | 0752 | |
| 28 | 0713 | 1812 | 1939 | 0815 | |

For Civil Twilight subtract 37 minutes from sunrise and add 37 minutes to sunset. All times are "A" Army Time or 15 Degrees East Time.



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ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 43.

EXCERPTS FROM THE FIRST DETAILED INTERVIEW OF SS STANDARTENFUEHRER (COL) HANS LINGER, CO, 17 SS PZ GREN DIV

LINGER, Hans, SS STANDARTENFUEHRER (Col), Commander of 17 SS Pz Gren Div "GOETZ VON BARLICHINGEN", and a General Staff Officer. A 29-year old arrogant product of Nazism who at first refused to talk to anybody with rank less than colonel, and even then refused to reveal any information of a military nature. He changed.

Source emphasized the fact that he had served mainly in the field and that he was not very familiar with the organization of higher units, personalities, or German army policies. The information that follows was given quite freely and the interrogating officer believes that LINGER has told, substantially, the truth, as far as he has gone.

Criticism of Allied Tactics

P. made the following observations, based on his experiences and on the results of his personal interrogation of American P.W. of American tactics on his div front: The American infantryman is as courageous as the German soldier. With more experienced leadership all German attacks emanating from his div sector would have been beaten back.

a. Patrols:

(1) American short-range reconnaissance (GEBECHTSAUFKLAERUNG) is not sufficiently thorough. Through lack of aggressiveness the patrols do not succeed often enough in drawing fire which would reveal the location of heavy German Inf weapons.

(2) The missions entrusted to American patrols are much too complicated. It is impossible for any patrol to bring back all the information requested of it. It would be much better to send out more smaller-sized patrols with more modest missions.

b. Terrain Intelligence: American unit commanders do not study carefully enough the terrain opposite their front. This accounts for the fact that American heavy inf weapons are not always concentrated at the point where the German main effort in the attack (SCHL. ERPUNKT) is normally to be expected.

c. Defence in Depth: PW states that our small units are echeloned in depth excellently. The same cannot be said of our divs. The div reserves are spread out too much, and in rows, instead of being concentrated to meet tactical requirements.

d. Reserves: PW always took advantage of the fact that our Bn and Regt commanders insist upon keeping their reserves with them, instead of dispatching them to an adjoining sector which is endangered. It was source's impression that our unit commanders, in order to retain their reserves, pretend that a German attack is about to take place, or deliberately send their reserves forward to meet a small attack so that they do not have to part with them for a longer period. Aware of this, PW invariably began his offensives with a fake attack, with a large amount of small arms fire. When the American forward unit commander of this sector sent for reserves and they were forthcoming, source began his main attack at a point where it should have been expected by the American command from the nature of the terrain, etc. Precious time was lost thereby by the Americans in gathering reserves to counterattack successfully.

e. Tactical Employment of Allied Tanks: The reasons behind our employment of medium tanks in groups of two and three is not clear to source. In his opinion the Sherman tank was not conceived as a gun carrier in direct support of the Inf. They should be used in company strength to achieve a general breakthrough, considering the large number of tanks we have at our disposal. Only the shortage of armor causes the Germans to use their tanks in small numbers.

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f. American Garrison at RIELING: P. paid tribute to the gallantry of the two American Cos which were captured in RIELING (6555) 2 - 3 Jan 45. In spite of the fact that these men were in a situation that was almost desperate, the commander rejected the P.'s ultimatum to surrender and replied that he would fight to the last shot. The village was taken by the Germans two days later after they faked a frontal attack from the NORTH and attacked from the SOUTH. The German troops sustained heavy losses. P. could not understand why the two Cos were not reinforced or pulled back on the road RIELING-BREITWILLER, which was never under German control. P. did not see the remnants of the American garrison because he was himself captured the same day, while out well forward on a personal reconnaissance mission. (SUSA) (79th Div Periodic Report No 199).

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FROM

280001 Jan. 45

TO

282400 JAN. 45

PLACE

LUPSTEIN, FR

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | | | No action - regular training day. | |

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From: 280001 JAN
To: 282400 JAN

HQ 48 TKBn

LUPSTEIN, FR

No. _____

Map: _____

SAVERNE SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY (26 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY (26 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY (26 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

SNOW - 500 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE, HQ 48TKBN
DATED 27 JAN 45

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

SUCCESSFUL

- over -

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | | |
| "A" Co | M4 (75) | 9 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | | | | | |
| | | W/62 A/B | | | |
| | | | | | |
| "C" Co | M4 (75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4 (76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 14 | | 3 | |
| | M4 (76) | 15 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 5 | | | |
| | M5 (37) | 9 | | 2 | |

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INCL:

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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c. Weather - 29 Jan - Overcast low clouds with snow showers and rain showers mixed. Visibility 1-2 miles in morning, 5-6 miles in afternoon. Wind Southwest to West 15 mph. Minimum temperature 28 degrees.

d. Total PWs during period - 3
Total PWs to date - 1138

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PLACE LUPSTEIN, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
|------|-----|------------|------------|--|--------------|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 0900 | | ① | 2235 | Msg from CCB - Ren is directed for 29 Jan of the routes and assembly areas contained in plans 1A thru 48. Plans 2A & 3. Particular attention will be given to effect of present snow conditions. | |
| | | ② | 1735 | Overlay via Encl of Plan 1A to be reexamined 30 Jan | |

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From: 290001 JAN 45
To: 292400 JAN 45

HO: 48 TR BN
LUPSTEIN, FR

No:

Maps: SAVERNE SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY (26 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY (26 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY (26 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE

HO 48 TR BN, DTD 27 JAN 45

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

SUCCESSFUL

- over -

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 2 | | 1 | |
| "A" Co | M4(75) | 9 | | 1 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "B" Co | W/62 A1B | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 5 | | 2 | |
| | M4(76) | 7 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| "D" Co | M5(37) | 13 | | 1 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 14 | | 3 | |
| | M4(76) | 15 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 4 | | 1 | |
| | M5(37) | 13 | | 1 | |

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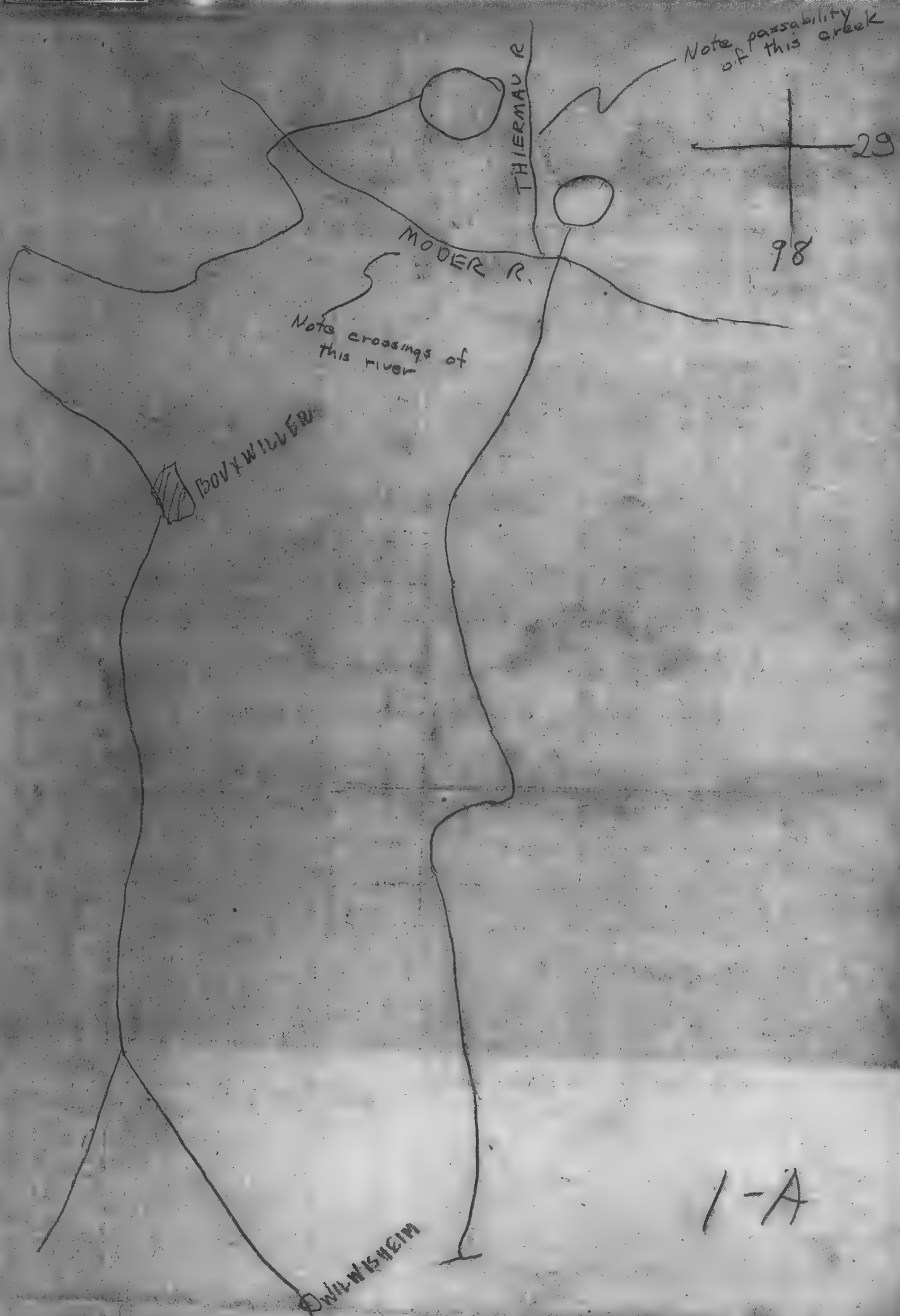
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STATUS OF CLEATS ON 105'S

- HQ. Co - 1 W/RUBBER TRACKS
- 1 W/CLEATS
- 1 IN ORDONANCE
- A Co. - BEING WORKED ON AS OF 1900
- B Co. - WITH CLEATS
- ~~C Co.~~ - WITH CLEATS



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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. ARMY

28 January 1945

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Monday 28 January 1945

| <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>PER-ONNEL</u> | <u>PLACE</u> |
|--|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| Maint veh, weapons, radios | 0830-1030 | All | Co Area |
| Review tactics of tk plt, blackboard
by plt | 1030-1130 | All | Plt Area |
| Destruction of material
* Ref: Adm Inst #2 attached | 1300-1500 | All | Co Area |
| Orientation | 1500-1530 | All | Co Area |

Tuesday 29 January 1945

| <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>PER-ONNEL</u> | <u>PLACE</u> |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| Maint veh, weapons, radios | 0830-1030 | All | Co Area |
| Radio Security, (Ref: Memo, Hq 14th AD
dtd 10 December 1944) | 1030-1100 | All | Co Area |
| Battle experiences by plt conference | 1100-1130 | All | Plt Area |
| Details of tank-inf coordination | 1300-1400 | All | Co Area |
| Indirect Fire methods | 1400-1500 | All | Co Area |
| Orientation | 1500-1530 | All | Co Area |

Notes on trning

1. Instruction on tank plt tactics to stress basic principles for inexperienced reinforcements, these never having actually been in combat being considered inexperienced regardless of previous training. Instruction for those who have been in combat to be conducted on conference lines with the presentation of varying pieces of terrain on the blackboard and solutions presented by different members of class - - walls of rooms and colored pencils to be used as blackboards where necessary.
- *2. One copy of Adm Inst #2 is being dist/per plt night 28 Jan. Instruction in destruction of material will be conducted first by lecture then by demonstration on vehicles.
3. Many instances of violation of radio security have occurred, particularly in the last action. On many occasions emergency required the violation. On most occasions the violation might have avoided completely or have been made less flagrant. Lessons to be learned from these violations are no longer to be learned solely by listening to rear area lectures. Their value can be seen on the battlefield.
4. Instruction on coordination of tank-inf team cooperation must be of a basic nature for reinforcements. For the more seasoned men the exact details of how tanks support infantry and infantry support tanks both in fire and movement must be discussed until the logical method is clear in everyone's mind.

By order of Major CAVIN:

James N. Studer
JAMES N. STUDER
Major, 48th Tank Battalion, S-3

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Hq 1st AD
29 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 45.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey resistance is decreasing throughout the COLLEA pocket. Only one ey counterattack launched against our 3rd Div yesterday.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Generally nothing out ey patrol activity and considerable traf-
fic in forward areas, which indicate regrouping. 36th Div - 200 rds of light
caliber arty fire was received vic BISCHMILLER (R-0918) at approximately 1600A.
Some ey patrol contact reported. Considerable traffic, direction unknown, was
reported heard between HILL (R-1234) and CATESBURY (R-1110) during the
night. 79th Div - Sector generally quiet. Slight vehicle traffic reported going
from 053254 at 1700A. 8 ey and 1 vehicle at R-068232 and 15 ey vic R-065328
reported at 1700A. At 2320A vehicular traffic entering OBERHOFFEN (R-0919) from
NE and leaving OBERHOFFEN toward NW reported periodically from 0100A to 0600A. 1
ey tk and some Inf dispersed by our arty fire vic R-085210. 101st A/B Div - Spo-
radic arty and mortar fire. 2 ey patrols reported. Ey making very extensive
defense preparations in Div zone. Two tks moving into posn at Q-971268 at 0400A,
fired on by arty with good effect. 103rd Div - No change in ey attitude. Consi-
derable movement of vehicles and men heard from 2000A to 2330A on road BITSCH-
HOFFEN (Q-8631) - ROTHBACH (Q-8534) - NIEFFERN (Q-8729). 45th Div - Ev MG vic
Q-80503885, eqd vic Q-808389, and small numbers of riflemen vic Q-791388 and
Q-783388 engaged our patrols in part of sector. 12 - 15 rds light caliber arty
harassed JINGEN from 1750A to 2315A. 6 rds 75mm fell vic Q-831345 at 2125A.

XV Corps - Nothing but patrol and sniper activity.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

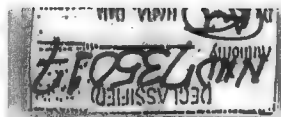
a. Weather: 30 Jan 45 - No snow. Partly cloudy. Visibility 4 miles at dawn
improving to 6 - 7 miles after 1000A. Wind from N 5 m.p.h. Min temp 10 degrees F.
31 Jan 45 - No snow. Partly cloudy. Visibility 2 miles at
dawn improving to 3 - 4 miles after 1000A. Wind from NE 10 m.p.h. Minimum tem-
perature 10 degrees F.

b. Total FAs during period ----- 2
Total FAs to date ----- 1140

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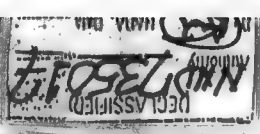
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302400 JAN. 45

PLACE

LUPSTEIN, FR.

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | TIME DATED | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
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| | | | 0800 | Msg fr. C. CA - Unit C O's | |
| | | | | meeting at CCA at 1100 | |
| | | | 1100 | Re C. O. to Unit C. O.'s meeting | |
| | | | 0800 | Rep party on reconnaissance of Plan 1 A. | |



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From: 300001 JAN 45
To: 302400 JAN 45

HQ 48 TIR BN.
LUPSTEIN, FR.

No.

Maps: SAVERNE SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

SNOW - 500 YDS

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE, HQ 48 TIR BN

DTG 28 JAN 45

RAN OF ROUTE 11A - OVERLAY SUBMITTED

DIRECT TODAY

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

SUCCESSFUL

- over -

6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair | | Lost During period |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Bq | M4 (76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | 2 | |
| A Co | M4 (75) | 10 | | | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| B Co | | | | | |
| | | W/62 AIB | | | |
| | | | | | |
| C Co | M4 (75) | 4 | | 3 | |
| | M4 (76) | 6 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (105) | 1 | | | |
| D Co | M5 (37) | 13 | | 1 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4 (75) | 14 | | 3 | |
| | M4 (76) | 14 | | 1 | |
| | M4 (105) | 3 | | 2 | |
| | M5 (37) | 13 | | 1 | |

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

Note: To be submitted in single copy.

COMPANY "C" 62ND ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO# 446 %Postmaster, NY. NY.

29 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Training Schedule for 30 January 1945.

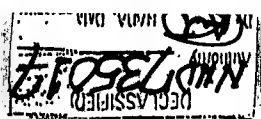
TO : S-3, 48th Tank Battalion.

Submitted herewith is the training schedule of
this organization for 30 January 1945:

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 0815-0830 | Galesthenics--conducted by platoons. |
| 0830-0930 | Map Reading--Lt Day--Mess hall |
| 0930-1130 | Squad Tactics--conducted by platoons in
area east of present town. |
| 1300-1400 | First Aid--company aid men--mess hall |
| 1400-1500 | Mortar ammunition instruction--S/Sgt Gebauer
Mortar Squads only--Mess hall. |
| 1400-1500 | Weapons instruction--(Possible stoppages,
and preventative measures--by platoons. |
| 1500-1600 | Maintenance of weapons and vehicles by
platoons. |

Thomas R. Day
THOMAS R. DAY
1st Lt., 62nd AIB.,
Commanding.

approved by S-3 62 AIB



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Hq 1st AD
30 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 46.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Yesterday French reported that CIRNAY was apparently unoccupied but patrols approaching town drew AV fire from both sides of town. One small ey counterattack against French N of MULHOUSE repulsed. Several ey counterattacks supported by small groups of armor against 3rd Div likewise repulsed. No activity observed in GAMBSHEIM area except friendly patrol drew fire from town.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Ey continued to be generally quiet and passive. Arty fire still slight and scattered. There is no indication of a general withdrawal by the ey. No new identifications. Ey believed going on the defensive. 36th Div - Principal bridge on road WEYERSHEIM (R-0513) to GAMBSHEIM (R-1110) reported blown. 15-20 vehicles observed at ferry site opposite DRUSENHEIM (R-1518) waiting to be ferried across. Some vehicular movement heard in ROERWILLER (R-1217) and HENNELSHEIM (R-1214) during night. 79th Div - Continued traffic between SCHIRNHEIM (R-1222) and OBERHOFEN (R-0920). Ey is very sensitive to our patrolling. Ey observed laying wire vic HETZGER (R-0224). Heavy SA and MG fire received from bldgs at R-03052440 at 0130A. 101st A/B Div - No arty or mortar fire received and no contact during night. 103d Div - No contact during night. 2 tks heard on OFFENWILLER-ROTHBACH rd 2200A. At 0030A unknown amount of tracked vehicles reported moving W toward KINDWILLER (Q-3929). 45th Div - Light harassing fire in WINGEN (Q-7535) throughout night. Undetermined number of ey supported by mortar and arty attacked our outpost in SAERAUHL (Q-795375), forcing outpost to withdraw. Outpost position reoccupied by our troops at 2100A without contact.

XV Corps - Tac/R reports some movement to the NW from BITCHE.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Germans Violate Rules of Warfare:

Large-scale German violations of international law were reported recently along the American Ninth Army front and American troops have been alerted against the German misuse of United States uniforms, white flags and Red Cross emblems.

One incident was disclosed after the capture of Bourheim, a hamlet west of Juelich. Correspondents were shown a dead American soldier whose uniform had been stripped from him, apparently by the retreating Germans. Neatly piled beside the body were his identification tags, wallet with money and other personal belongings.

On 29 Nov an entire German MG squad clad in GI overcoats was discovered by an American platoon sergeant. He had spotted the khaki outfits, walked into the position and was captured. Later he was freed by advancing Americans and rptd the incident.

Another instance of the violations concerned two English-speaking German officers who approached an American reconnaissance platoon under a white flag and told the unit it was surrounded. The Germans urged all to surrender to "save needless bloodshed."

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The platoon sergeant was not convinced but finally agreed to allow two of his men to return with the Germans under a white flag "to confer with the German commander." The two men never returned. The patrol went back to the American line without encountering any Germans.

The first definite proof of the suspected large-scale misuse of the Red Cross symbol turned up recently. American troops captured in Juelich a German half-track loaded with weapons but bearing Red Cross markings.

American pilots also rptd having seen German tanks and other equipment clearly marked with Red Cross emblems, apparently in an effort to protect them from American aerial attacks. (With American Ninth Army) (103d Div)

b. Ambush Tactics:

An ingenious method of stopping our vehicles to allow easier access to the occupants is being used by German patrols. Three 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch spikes sharpened at both ends are welded together to form a six-pointed device. These are strung together and pulled in front of the tires of an approaching vehicle by personnel hidden at the side of the road. The 95th Inf Div reported that one of its two-jeep patrols was apprehended in this manner at Q-225872, W of the SAAR River, near REHLINGEN, the night of 25-26 January. A string of the devices was pulled in front of the second vehicle, blowing the tires and forcing it to stop. When the men got out, they were attacked. The first vehicle turned back and fired on the hostile group, driving them off. (Source: XI US Corps)

c. Weather - 31 Jan - Scattered to broken cloudiness. Light rain showers during afternoon. Visibility 1-2 miles - slight fog and haze in morning. 3 to 5 miles in the afternoon. Wind light and variable. Minimum temperature 13 degrees F.

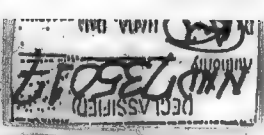
1 Feb - Light rain in morning with cloudy sky. Visibility 3 to 4 miles in morning. 5 to 6 miles in afternoon. Variable wind SW 5 to 10 miles per hr. Minimum temperature 25 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period - 0
Total PWs to date - 1140

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From: 310001 JAN. 45
To: 312400 JAN. 45

HQ. 48 TIC BN
LUPSTEIN, FR.

No. _____

Map: SAVERNE SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

RON OF ROUTE 4 AS DESIGNATED
ON OVERLAY PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.

TRAINING AS PRESCRIBED IN TRAINING
SCHEDULE, HQ. 48 TIC BN, DTD 30 JAN. 45.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

SUCCESSFUL

- over -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

| Unit | Type of Vehicle & Gun | Operationally Fit | Under Repair: | | Lost During period |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Fit in 24 hrs | Fit over 24 hours | |
| Hq | M4(76) | 2 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | 2 | |
| "A" Co | M4(75) | 10 | | | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| "B" Co | M4(75) | | | | |
| | M4(76) | W/62 A/B | | | |
| | M4(105) | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| "C" Co | M4(75) | 4 | | 3 | |
| | M4(76) | 6 | | 2 | |
| | M4(105) | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| "D" Co | M5(37) | 15 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | M4(75) | 14 | | 3 | |
| | M4(76) | 14 | | 2 | |
| | M4(105) | 3 | | 2 | |
| | M5(37) | 15 | | | |

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

1 LT TR, M5A1, RECEIVED TODAY.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

30 January 1945

TRAINING SCHEDULE 31 JAN 45

| <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>PERSONNEL</u> | <u>PLACE</u> |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| Maint of weapons and vehicles & radios | 0830 - 1030 | All | Co Area |
| Tank plat tactics, cooperation tanks-
infantry | 1030 - 1130 | All | Plat Area |
| Review Destruction of Material | 1300 - 1400 | All | Co Area |
| Battle experiences | 1400 - 1430 | All | Plat Area |
| Review basic gunnery principles,
direct fire | 1430 - 1500 | All | Plat Area |
| Orientation | 1500 - 1530 | All | Co Area |

NOTES ON TRAINING

1. Tank platoon tactics and cooperation of tanks and infantry must be presented in such a manner as to stress the solution of small platoon problems on varying terrain by individual crew members, and as to bring out the finest details of how the tanks and infantry work as a team under varying terrain and enemy fire.

2. In the instruction on destruction of materiel stress must be placed on the fact that no materiel will be destroyed unless all possible effort will not save it and then only when so ordered by the highest commander available up to the Battalion Commander. In addition it must be pointed out that ordinarily there will be little time to accomplish the destruction and that it will usually be under fire. It should be pointed out that one method not covered in written material is to drop an incendiary grenade in the gas tank after having emptied the fire extinguishers. Combat experience has proven this to be very effective.

By order of Major CAVIN:

James N. Studer
JAMES N. STUDER
Major, 48th Tank Battalion
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Hq 14 AD
31 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 47.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army - In the COLLIER pocket French troops N of MULHOUSE are encountering extensive mine fields. On our 3rd Div front, the ey launched several small counterattacks, repulsed without loss of ground. 10 ey tks reported in HESSENHEIM (865568). GALLSHEIM found clear of ey but heavily mined and booby-trapped.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Corps front generally quiet. Ey arty very light and scattered. Ey continues to adopt a defensive attitude. 36th Div - Ey continues defensive. Our patrol to OFFENDORF (R-7312) reached R-093126 and met very extensive mine-field consisting of double teller mines from R-077119 to blown bridge at R-088119. Wooded area to the N in the R-C914 GS found clear of ey but heavily mined and booby-trapped. 2 PAs taken in vic of QBERHOFFEN from the 10 SS Pz Div stated 70 ey and 8 MGs located in woods vic R-13191908. 79th Div - Ey ground activity limited to patrolling. SPANGEN FARM (R-052241) outposted by the ey. At 0100A HAGUENAU (R-0124) received some tk or SP fire. 101st A/B Div - At 2400A 3 tks reported at Q-970269. Minor patrolling only ey activity. P7 of the 104th Regt, 47 VG Div stated their OPL is the S edge of woods along MODT River; Div Fwd CP located at HETZWILLER (Q-9630) and rear Cr at WALBOURG (R-0331). 103rd Div - Ey remained quiet and no contact was reported. The ey is digging-in, cutting trees and preparing defenses front of Div sector. 935 and 937 Regts of the 245 Inf Div have been identified. Apparently this Div has a zone between the 47th and 36th Divs. 45th Div - Light scattered mortar fire received in WILDENGUTH (Q-7837) - REIFENSWILLER (Q-8037) sector. Patrol heard considerable ey movement vic Q-768390, believed to be ey making a relief. Patrol to Q-786386 was fired on by a MG and M/pistol.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather: 1 Feb 45 - Overcast low clouds with some breaks in afternoon. Visibility 1/2 to 1 mile until 1100A due to fog and precipitation improving to 3 - 4 miles thereafter. Rain or sleet until 1500A. Wind S 12 - 14 m.p.h. becoming S 8 - 10 m.p.h. after 1000A. Minimum temperature 30 degrees F.

2 Feb 45 - Overcast becoming broken before noon. Visibility 1 mile before 1000A improving to 2 - 4 miles thereafter. Wind westerly 5 - 7 m.p.h. Minimum Temperature 27 degrees F.

b. Total PWs during period ----- 0
Total PWs to date ----- 1140

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ANNEX "A" TO THE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 47

ARTY, AT, AA & INF HOWS FACING VI CORPS

256 VG DIV

Arty (256 Arty Regt)

- 1 Bn does not exist (1st, 2nd & 3rd Btry)
- 2 Bn 2 btrys, 6 - 105mm Hows ea (T/O)
None identified
- 3 Bn 2 btrys, 6 - 105mm Hows ea (T/O). 6th Btry has 2 left on 24 Dec.
- 4 Bn 2 btrys, 6 - 150mm Hows ea (T/O). 9th Btry has 3 left on Dec 12.

AT (256 AT Bn)

- 9 - 75mm AT guns, 14 Assault Guns, 9 - 37mm AA guns (T/O)
- 5 - 75mm SP AT guns (long barrel) identified Jan 2

Inf Hows

36 - 75mm Inf Hows (12 per Regt) T/O

Identified:

- 456 VGR: 9 (of which 3 destroyed on 10 Jan)
- 476 VGR: 4
- 481 VGR: 8 (4 of them may be 150mm Inf Hows)

Attached (Jan 4)

AT Co OPPELN

- 7 - 75mm AT guns, horsedrawn.

6 SS Mtn DIV

Arty (6 SS Mtn Arty Regt)

- 1 Bn 3 btrys, 4 - 75mm Mtn Hows ea (identified)
- 2 Bn 3 btrys, 4 - 75mm Mtn Hows ea (T/O)
6th Btry has 4 - 105mm Hows (identified)
- 3 Bn 7th & 8th Btrys have 4 - 105mm Hows ea. (identified)

AT (6 SS AT Bn)

- AT Bn not identified. T/O calls for 24 AT guns in it. T/O also calls for 3 AT guns in Recon Bn.
- 4th Co 6 SS Recon Bn has 4 - 75mm AT guns
- T/O also calls for 3 AT guns in each of the 2 Mtn Regts.
- None have been identified in 11 SS Mtn Regt, but 20th Co, 12 SS Mtn Co has 3 - 50mm and 3 - 75mm AT guns which according to PWs are 'not here'.

Inf Hows

T/O calls for 6 - 75mm Mtn Hows and 2 (?) - 150mm Mtn Hows per Mtn Regt.

Identified:

- 2 - 75mm Mtn Hows in 11th Co (2nd Bn) 11 SS Mtn Regt
- 2 - 75mm Mtn Hows in 11th Co (2nd Bn) 12 SS Mtn Regt

Attached

506 SS PG Bn

- 2 - 50mm AT guns
- 4 - 75mm SP guns

36 INF DIV

Arty (268 Arty Regt)

- Only 7th Btry (3d Bn) identified. It has 4 - 105 Hows
- T/O calls for 3 light Bns of 12 - 105 Hows each and 1 med Bn of 12 - 150 Hows.

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AT (36AT Bn)

Bn not identified. T/O calls for 27 AT guns. T/O also calls for 12 - 75mm AT guns in each GR. It is not likely that these are present.

Inf Hows

T/O calls for 18 - 75mm Hows (6 per GR) and 6 - 150mm Hows (2 per GR)

Identified:

87 GR None

118 GR 3 - 75mm

165 GR 4 - 75mm

Note: 36 Inf Div may have been in part reorganized along VG Div lines.

47 VG DIV

Arty (147 Arty Regt)

Arty Regt not identified.

T/O calls for 2 light Bns of 12 - 105mm Hows ea & 1 Bn of 3 (?) - 150mm Hows (ETO)

AT (147 AT Bn)

Bn not identified.

T/O calls for 15 (12 ?) - 75mm AT guns (ETO)

T/O also calls for 12 - 75mm AT guns in each GR.

Identified: 3 - 75mm AT guns (in 103 VGR)

Inf Hows

T/O calls for 6 - 75mm Inf Hows in each VGR (ETO).

Identified: 2 - 150mm Inf Hows (in 104 VGR)

Note: ETO reports on T/O for 47 VGR indicate that it differs from normal VG Div T/O.

7 PARA DIV

Arty (7 Para Arty Regt)

Regt not identified.

T/O calls for 3 Bns of 12 - 105mm Hows ea.

AT (7 Para AT Bn)

Bn not identified.

T/O calls for 21 - 75mm AT guns.

Inf Hows

None have been identified.

T/O probably calls for 6 per Regt.

25 PG DIV

Arty (25 Arty Regt)

T/O: 2 Bns light (12 - 105mm ea), 1 Bn med (12 - 150mm ea).
Identified and believed to be all that exists:

1st Bn: 3 Btrys of 4 - 105mm, 1 gun missing in 2nd Btrv.
3rd Bn: 2 Btrys (8 & 9) of 4 - 150mm ea.

AT (25 AT Bn)

T/O: 2 Cos of 12 - 75mm Assault Gun ea, 1 Co of 12 - 75mm motor drawn.
Present on Jan 14:

1st Co about 6 guns operative

2nd Co all guns either destroyed or temporarily disabled.

3rd Co all guns present

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There were 10 more 75mm Assault Guns in 4 Co of 119 PGR on Jan 17 and 7 in 4 Co of 5 Pz R.
8 Co 119 PGR had 6 - 20mm AT guns.
35 PGR had no heavy company at all.
T/O requirements for PGRs are not quite clear at the present time as the T/C for the 'PG Div 44' has not been captured.
These assault guns replace Inf Hows in PG Regts.

Attached

1151 GHQ Arty Bn
1152 GHQ Arty Bn
Both organized identically.
3 Btrys of 3 - 150mm Hows ea.

10 SS PZ DIV

Arty (10 SS Pz Arty Regt)

Regt not identified. T/O calls for:
1st Bn 3 Btrys of 6 - 105mm SP ea
2nd & 3rd Bn 3 Btrys ea of 4 - 105mm Hows ea
4th Bn of 3 Btrys of 4 - 150mm Hows ea
1 Btry of 4 - 105mm guns
These are not likely to be present in that strength.

AA Arty (10 SS AA Bn)

Bn not identified
T/O calls for 1 Btry of 12 - 20mm AA guns and Btrys of 4 - 88mm AA guns plus 3 - 20mm AA guns ea.
These may not be present.
T/O also calls for 12 - 20mm AA guns per PGR.
Identified:
21 SS PGR 2 - 88mm AA guns, 5 - 20mm AA guns (14th Co)
22 SS PGR None

Assault Guns (10 SS Assault Gun Bn)

Bn not identified.
T/O calls for 3 Cos of 10 - 14 Assault Guns ea.

AT Guns (10 SS AT Bn)

Bn not identified
T/O calls for 3 Cos of 14 - 75mm AT SP ea.
T/O also calls for 3 - 75mm AT guns in Rcn Bn which has not been identified.
T/O furthermore calls for 9 - 88mm and 9 - 75mm AT guns for ea of the 2 PGRs.
Identified:
21 SS PGR 3 - 75mm AT guns (14 Co)
22 SS PGR 4 Co 3 - 75mm AT guns
8 Co 3 - 75mm AT guns
12 Co 3 - 50mm AT guns
14 Co Several 20mm AT guns on H/T.

Inf Hows

None identified.
T/O calls for 6 - 75mm SP and 6 - 150mm SP in ea of the two PGRs.

21 Pz Div

Arty (155 Pz Arty Regt)

T/O calls for 2 Bns with 12 - 105 Hows ea and 1 Bn with 18 - 150 Hows

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Identified:

- 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 Btrys of 4 - 105mm Hows ea.
- 3, 6, 9 Btrys of 4 - 150mm Hows ea.
- Existence of 8th Btry doubtful.

AT Guns (200AT Bn)

Bn was not recently identified.

T/O calls for 12 - 75mm AT guns and 31 - 75mm Ass Guns.

T/O also calls for 12 - 89mm guns in Arty Regt (not identified)

3 - 75mm AT Sr were furthermore identified in Hq Co 125 PGR and some 88 AT Sr in 8 Co 125 PGR.

AA Guns

T/O calls for 12 - 37mm AA guns in Arty Regt (not identified)

3 - 37mm AA guns were identified in 8th Co of 125 PGR and 4th Co of 192 PGR.

Inf Hows

T/O calls for 13 - 75mm Sr in Ren Unit (21 Pz Ren Bn)

Identified: 3 - 75mm Sr in 4 Co 21 Pz Ren Bn

T/O also calls for 6 - 75mm SP and 6 - 150mm Sr per PGR

Identified: 14 ss guns in 125 PGR (caliber not known)

553 VG Div

Note: This division is not organized as a VG Div, but controls various battle groups and GHQ Arty. The following Arty is believed under it at present: Arko XIV SS A.K. - the Corps Arty Comdr of the XIV SS Corps. This is a staff only.

1553 Arty Regt

This would be the organic Arty of 553 VG Div, but only 2nd Bn is believed to exist. It probably contains 12 - 105mm Hows in either two six-gun btrys or three four-gun btrys.

1514 GHQ Fortress Arty Bn

Reported to be composed of 3 Btrys

1st & 2nd Btry 4 - 100mm Czech guns or Hows

3rd Btry some Russian 122mm guns or Hows

1st Btry carries number 1509 (probably originally the number of a Bn, of which this Btry alone is left)

1127 GHQ Fortr Arty Bn

Has only one btry with 4 - 122mm Russian guns or Hows. Also known as unit 'BISBING' and may be in some way connected with 1514 Bn.

68 AA Regt (a staff only) probably controls:

142 AA Bn

705 AA Bn

721 AA Bn

939 AA Bn

All of these appear to be newly formed units and nothing is known about their composition.

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405 AT Bn

probably originally formed as part of 405 Adm Div, but now under control of 553 Div. Also known as battle group MANNHERZ.

Exact composition unknown, but believed to have 2 AT Cos and possibly one AA Co. Reports on armament vary. Highest report on total AT guns in Bn is 9 - 75mm, 1 - 37mm (17 Jan). On Jan 18, 2nd Co was reported to have 2 - 37mm, 1 - 50mm, 2 - 75mm.

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